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THE 2001 YEARBOOK
OF
ANNUAL REPORTS
For the Year, 2000

Dedicated in Christian Love to the Memory of

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2001

Rev. Arch B. Aitcheson,
Pastor and Teacher

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Membership Statistics for 2000
Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ

Members listed as of December 31, 1999	338
Associate members as of December 31, 1999	35
Members received during 2000	5
Associated Members received during 2000	0
Members transferred to other churches	3
Members deceased in 2000	4
Confirmed Membership as of December 31, 2000	342
Associate Members as of December 31, 2000	35

Church Office Hours in 2000

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

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The Church Staff

Rev. Arch Aitcheson,	Pastor
Dr. William J. Andes,	Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Tina D. Wright-Wood,	Office Manager
Mrs. Bekah Davis	Interim CE Coordinator
Ms. Darla J. Bray,	Choral Director
Mr. Mark Rumley,	Organist
Mrs. Betty Dillashaw,	Director, Bell Choir

Baptisms

3

Samantha Vickers - August 13, 2000
Catherine Michelle Goodwin - June 4, 2000
Bryn Isabella Covington - September 10, 2000

Deaths

4

J. Wesley Alexander
Dewey Holt
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Weddings

3

Torrian Anton Ferguson and Chalonda Udele Clark
Mark Edward Clark and Holly Sunshine Farrell
Robert Dwayne Arrington and Lesli Renee Denny

Letter of Transfer

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Rev. and Mrs. Ray Good (Carol)
Becky Peeler

Pastor's Report for 2000 (cont.)

New worship services have been established according to the future planning of the 1999 Church Council. The 8:30 a.m. contemporary and casual service has developed a regular following of people who enjoy the simplicity and intimacy of the early morning worship. The 5:30 p.m. service is beginning to involve a group of delightful college students who hope to expand the worship event into a fellowship opportunity. (Are there volunteers who might like to provide a simple soup & sandwich meal on Sunday evenings for that group?)

The steeple was repaired to our amazement! Watching come down and go up provided a number of us with exciting entertainment. A number of our members touched the cross before it was placed on top of the copper-clad steeple, just as they had many years ago when the steeple was first raised!

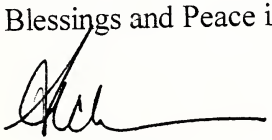
Financially, we have stayed afloat, basically because we were not paying the salary of a D.C.E. and because you have been faithful in paying pledges throughout the year. For the third year in a row we did not have to make a special appeal during July and August for support. We did borrow from our building fund, but that was paid back. As the year closes and I review the results of our 2001 Campaign, there is great concern that we will not meet the budget for the coming year with a second ministerial staff person. That concerns me greatly. Hopefully, our December 17 meeting and the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2001 will ease that concern.

On February 1, 2001 I will celebrate my eighth anniversary as your pastor. Time flies when you love what you do! Each member of this congregation is a special part of my life and a cherished part of the ministry God has offered me in the mission outpost at Elon College (soon to become Elon!) In North Carolina.

My prayers include a sincere hope that the enthusiasm of 2000 will continue in this fellowship and that we will find the courage to risk bold steps into the Third Millennium in ways that will help us ***live Christ in today's world!***

Many thanks for your prayers and support throughout the year.

Blessings and Peace in 2001,



Arch Aitcheson
Pastor & Teacher

2000 Personnel Committee Annual Report

The Committee met several times this year to support the church staff in meeting their goals and to review matters of employment between the congregation and each employee. We continue to be proud of our church staff and appreciative of the leadership of each person offers to the congregation.

Much work has been done by Arch and other committees of the church relative to the current vacant position on staff. We will continue to do our part as a personnel committee to meet the wishes of the congregation and help in the transition.

We are blessed to have such a high level of commitment and expertise from the members of our church staff. It is with great hope and prayerful anticipation that we greet the new year with our existing staff and (Lord willing) one new member of the church family.

God's blessings,

Frederick G. Grosse
Chairperson

Committee:

Earl Danieley
Fred Grosse
Carol Heinzerling
John Truitt
Shirley Beyer

Music Department Report

Music in our church during 2000 has continued to be the result of a team effort, with this year's team including professional musicians, guest musicians, Elon College students, and church members.

Guest Musicians

Phil Bray
Thomas Turanchik
Tom Connally
Heidi Danieley
Sapphire Choral Ensemble
First Class Octet
Mollie Lambert
Nina Matlock
Carole Troxler
Karen Hovey
Laurie Lambert
Drew McLelland
Nancy Thomas
Janette Hassell
Bea Price

Special Services/Events Involving our Musicians

Music Department's Afternoon of Music, April 15
July 2 Sunday Service
Moravian Love Feast, December 3
Christmas Eve Service, December 24

Number of People Involved in Music Department

Chancel Choir:	26 singers
	2 staff
Handbell Choirs:	11 adults
	13 youth
	6 Elon College students
	1 staff

Other Important Notes

- Donations continue to be received for extra choir robes.
- The adult choirs and the music staff served a meal to the Allied Churches Shelter on July 7.
- The zimbelstern was installed as a permanent part of our organ in late summer.
- Pianos and the organ have continued to be properly serviced throughout the year.

Darla Bray
Betty Dillashaw
Mark Rumley

Moderator's Report

As I look back over the past year, my mind and my heart are filled with gratitude. You have honored me as your moderator and I am grateful.

I give thanks for our pastor and teacher, Arch Aitcheson. His devotion to the ministry and his dedication to this parish are awesome and I am grateful.

I give thanks for our choir and our music staff. They are superb and they serve us ably, and I am grateful.

I give thanks for the other members of our staff: Bekah Davis, Marion Aitcheson, Tina Wright-Wood, Delma and Carolyn Cummings. I am grateful to all of them for all that they do for us.

I give thanks for Elon College and President Leo Lambert for their year-round assistance with our grounds, the special help after the May 25 storm, and for the special assistance with our steeple project. I am grateful for their cooperation and the many ways in which they help us.

I am grateful to each of our boards for the many accomplishments of this year. The steeple project and other activities of the Board of Trustees, the careful attention to our worship programs by the Board of Deacons, the newly organized Sunday School and the commitment of those who have agreed to teach, the careful attention to the mission concerns of the Church by the Board of Missions, and the outreach activities of the Board of Evangelism are all reasons for us to give thanks.

To each member for your faithful participation in our fellowship and especially to those of you who have given extra time and attention as we strive toward the goal of employing an Associate Pastor.

May 2001 be an even more successful year!

Ray Covington, Moderator

Board of Trustees Report

Annual Report - 2000

The responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include the maintenance of the building and grounds, Parish House, parsonage, and the church van.

The building supervisors, Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook, perform many of the maintenance tasks. This year they have had important assistance from Jim Starr. Eugene Grimley has agreed to be "in training" to assist them with this work.

The church steeple was taken down and covered with copper. After it was re-installed it was painted. Some of the wood below the section which had been taken to be re-roofed had to be replaced and painted. This was an expensive project but it needed to be done and it should be satisfactory for several years.

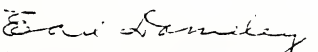
The Church suffered extensive tree damage during the storm on May 25. The estimate for the cleanup was $20,000. Elon College generously included the church cleanup when they were clearing the campus. Their assistance was very important to us.

A new lamp was installed on the rear of the Parish House and a light was installed at the entrance to the Parish House parking lot.

David Brown completed his Eagle Scout project which was the installation of a concrete walk from the handicap parking to the rear door of the Church and the construction of an all-weather portico over that door.

The College was permitted to use the sanctuary for some programs during the time that Whitley Auditorium was being renovated. The College paid the Church $1200 in appreciation for the use of the sanctuary.

An assessment was made of the playground equipment and funds are being raised to replace equipment which does not meet current guidelines.



Earl Danieley, Chairman
Jo Grimley, Secretary

Trustees: Joe Davis, Mark Danieley, Rollin Heinzerling, Richard Orsvath, Jim Starr, Dolores Truitt, and Shirley Beyer.

Board of Deacons Report

The Constitution of Elon College Community Church states, "The Deacons shall assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church." It goes on to further describe some of the leadership responsibility that the Deacons provide. During the year of 2000 the Board of Deacons has attempted to focus upon the sentence quoted above.

In addition to the responsibilities of providing Lay Readers, Ushers, and preparation and administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion we have tried to assist our pastor in meeting the needs of the members of the congregation. We continue to provide a Deacon on Call each week to assist in responding to needs of the congregation that arise. Each member, and their family, has been assigned to a Deacon to provide ongoing contact and support to those individuals and families. We refer to that list as our "Deacon in Care" responsibility. At our monthly meetings we consult with the pastor concerning individuals or families that he feels may need our attention and support. We are attempting to take seriously our responsibilities and provided leadership and support for the spiritual care of our members.

An important part of our ministry is to provide support and care in times of death. We have been most fortunate that Jackie Matlock has provided leadership in coordinating and providing a meal for families when there is a death. This is an important ministry that the church family can provide. Each time we are called upon to provide this service we realize that it is more than a meal we are providing, many times it is an opportunity for family and friends of the individual that has died to share their grief, memories, and love with one another. We are grateful to all those members who respond with gifts of food when called to assist us. We hope they realize that what they provide is not just a food item, but also an expression of concern and love.

I wish to thank each member of the Board of Deacons for his or her support and leadership during this past year. Their commitment and involvement has made my job easy. Each member has taken on an area that they have been responsible for coordinating. I am grateful to each of them. We regret that Jackie Matlock, Kay Hensley, and Lynn Denny will be leaving the board, but we rejoice in those that will join us in our ministry.

Board of Evangelism Report

2000 Annual Report

The Board of Evangelism met for ten regularly scheduled meetings in 2000. No meetings were held in May or December. Linda Vogg served as the chairperson for a second year. We had another active year full of routine responsibilities and special projects. In June we welcomed three new members who kindly agreed to fill vacancies on the board.

Our continuous activities included:

*Scheduling greeters for Sunday 11:00 A.M. worship as well as special services

*Updating the outside bulletin board

*Providing bread for the bread ministry

*Serving lemonade after worship during the summer

Special activities included:

*St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Luncheon in March. Approximately fifty people enjoyed the meal.

*Shelter meal in April

*Palm Sunday Fellowship/Benefit dinner after the Choral Dept. concert. Proceeds went to the choir robe fund.

*Solicited goodies and delivered exam bags in May. The Youth Group assembled the bags.

*In August welcome notes were sent to incoming UCC students at Elon College

*Football Sunday was also in August. Seventeen families hosted players at the church service and luncheon.

*Solicited goodies and delivered exam bags in December. The Youth Group assembled the bags.

A new bread ministry was begun this year. A loaf of homemade bread was presented to first-time visitors at Sunday morning worship. Previously, volunteers delivered bread to any new visitor who signed the register. The new system reaches more people. Carol Oakley has kept this project running smoothly.

The major disappointment of the year was the cancellation of the first Fellowship Trip in April. The plan was to attend the Passion Play in Atlanta. There was not enough interest to make the trip feasible.

Many thanks go to the members of the congregation who have participated in our activities. The fellowship meals are planned for your enjoyment. We need your participation in order for projects such as exam bags, welcome notes and Football Sunday to be successful. We also welcome the help of anyone who would like to update the bulletin board or bake bread. We appreciate the Youth Group's help with the exam bags.

The new year will bring more opportunities for fellowship and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Bensen, Secretary

Board of Missions Report

The Board met every month of 2000, and all budgeted items were fully funded by our congregation. In addition to those budgeted, there were promotions made and special offerings received for One Great Hour of Sharing in March, Strengthen the Church in June, Neighbors In Need in October and the Christmas Fund in December.

Ellie Ketcham served as coordinator for the Allied Churches Shelter Meals for 2000. For decades, Paul Cheek had coordinated the Shelter volunteers from our church. He retired and in June was honored for his years of faithful service. Robert Vick is the new coordinator for volunteers and would welcome additional persons!

Helen Rippy coordinated our Food Pantry (keeping it stocked with items donated by our church members and informing us of needed items.) In general, the pantry needs the same non-perishable items that a family normally purchases from a supermarket. We are frequently "short" on coffee, tea, pasta sauce and shortening. However, our members responded so well in 2000 that we donated a small truck-load of grocery supplies in November to Loaves and Fishes in Burlington.

Our Board joined with the Women's Fellowship in March to host a special program focused on Cuba. Guest speaker was Mrs. Crook, presently living in Raleigh.

In July our Board sponsored an evening fellowship event, featuring home-made ice cream and a sing-along led by Ray Covington.

Also in July Linda Raker coordinated a Christmas in July project, during which church members drew names of children from a Christmas tree in the narthex and brought a gift(s) for the selected child. Arch arranged to have the gifts shipped to an orphanage in LaRomana, Dominican Republic.

Our church continues to have a team delivering meals on wheels an item also in our local missions budget.

Our Youth Group participated in CROP Walk on October 7, raising a total of $238.

Also in October, Scot Aitcheson invited our congregation to send small items (such as match-box cars, pencils, pens, etc.) which he and his platoon comrades would throw to young children as his platoon patrolled in Bosnia. Arch and Liz have shipped several boxes of items to Scot. The need/opportunity continues.

Katherine Floyd represented our church at Allied Churches of Alamance County's annual meeting in November. Katherine also receives your donation of used eyeglasses, which she ships to third-world countries for "recycling." Also, used postage stamps can be redeemed for cash which is sent to Church World Service.

Elon Homes still welcomes your contribution of Campbell Soup labels and other coupons, which they redeem toward purchase of things like a new van for one of their campuses.

Louis Wilkins, Chair

Board of Christian Education Report

This year our committee was very small but able to make some positive changes.

In January the Youth program was created and organized by the youth and their parents. The youth of our church and the Christian Education (CE) Youth Coordinator, Ed Marsh have been growing an exciting weekly program. Just ask some of the youth about the activities and projects they participated in and are planning. You will see the excitement the program is bringing to our youth.

Our Nursery and children's coordinator Beth Wilkins has worked hard at organizing and maintaining the volunteers to support the nursery, children, and second hour programs for Sunday mornings.

Beth coordinated and put on the 'Blessing of the Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt' in April. There were parents and over 20 children who participated and had a wonderful time of egg coloring and hunting for Easter eggs full of candy.

We are involved in the Search Committee to find an Associate Pastor, who will have the coordination of Christian Education as part of their role. This is also an exciting process which church members of all ages are involved, from youth to our young at heart members.

We assisted Arch in the organization of the new Christian education program, which we are enjoying. There has been very good response and participation in the Sunday School program this year.

We thank Marion Aitcheson, for all the work she has put in for the infants and toddlers over the past year. We continue to need help each Sunday, with the infants, toddlers and second hour. **If you can help in any way please contact the Church Office.**

We also want to thank Bekah Davis who is doing a wonderful job as the interim coordinator for Church School and Youth Christian Education. Bekah has brought new life to our weekly Christian Education with theme day's, teacher newsletters, great attitude, and much more.

If you see any program or project which might interest you or you want to be involved with, please contact the Church Office. No experience is necessary, just your true interested in helping with the exciting future of Christian Education at Elon College Community Church.

Sue Shipley
Board of Christian Education

Congregational Meetings Report

DECEMBER 17, 2000 - MINUTES

The Elon College Community Church met in special session on Sunday, December 17, 2000, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary after the morning worship service. The meeting was for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports from Nominating, Stewardship and Budget/ Finance Committees.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Ray Covington. The report of the Nominating was presented by the Rev. Arch Aitcheson. A copy is attached. It was VOTED to approve the report and to elect the person who had been nominated. Additional nominees will be presented at a later date. Rev. Aitcheson recognized the work of Dolores Truitt and Mary Ruth of the committee.

Rev. John Truitt presented the report of the Stewardship Committee. He pointed to the many ways in which members of the Church give of their time and talents as stewards. He reported that pledges to the budget had fallen short of the goal which had been projected in the proposed budget. The shortfall was approximately $60,000.

Dr. Kenneth Harper presented the report from the Budget/Finance Committee. Their report reflected the shortfall to which Rev. Truitt had made reference. The revised budget was for a total of $214,426 and it did not include the proposed expenditure for the new position of Associate Pastor.

It was VOTED (E. Danieley, J. Scott) that the Church adopt the revised budget as presented and that the Church Council be asked to consider the programs and priorities of the Church as we look forward to the coming year.

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on Sunday, January 28. There will be a covered dish luncheon.

The meeting adjourned after a closing prayer by Dr. Covington.

Earl Danieley

Minutes taken and transcribed by Earl Danieley

Women's Fellowship 2000

The Women's Fellowship consists of three circles which meet monthly during the year. Our theme the first part of the year were focused on "Lessons on Forgiveness and Grace" a study about the queen of Hawaii, Queen Lilivokalani.

At General Meeting all of the circles was held in June with guest speaker, Doris Molina from the Dominican Republic, and a student at Elon College. She told us about her family, her faith, and her country.

Our year runs from September 1999 to August 2000; New officers for September 2000 to August 2001 are Beth Wilkins, president, Susan Barbee, Vice president and program chairperson, Ann Acquilano, secretary, and Sara Dodson, treasurer.

In September our new program began at a general meeting with all circles' present. Susan Barbee presented the new focus this year - a study book "Women of the Bible, Example to Live By" by Sylvia Charles. As of mid-December the program have been thought provoking, interesting and often tell us that not much has changed over the centuries.

The Women's Fellowship contributed to the following: Our Churches Wider Mission $621; Child Sponsorship through our Board for World Ministries $252; Church Youth $200; World Hunger $200; Emergency Fund $100; Christmas Cheer $404; Camp Fund $100; Special offering of $100 for Steeple Fund, and $120 for Life membership for College Scholarships - $120; Life memberships were given to Paul Cheek, Nell Snyder, Ann Acquilano, and Hilda Oxford.

Women's Fellowship participated in Church Women Bible Study, World Community Day, World Day of Prayer, and May Fellowship Day. Members attended the Eastern NC Association Fall Enrichment meetings and summer confer in June.

Our circles remember all our "shut in" members and friends with monthly mailings of cards, and prepare a meal for the Allied Churches Night Shelter as well as help with meals for bereaved families.

Beth Wilkins, Chairperson

Service Faire Committee Report

The Service Faire Committee met as needed from early spring through November. Service Faire 2000 was held Saturday, November 11, 2000. Several changes were made to this year's event and seemed to have increased its success. A new format was used. The first session of the auction began at 3:00 p.m., the supper was held at 5:00, and the second session of the auction continued at 5:30. Other changes were the addition of antiques as donations and more solicitation of local merchants for auction items. This year the hotdog supper was included in the price of admission. The committee is always looking for ways to increase the fun/funds generated by this event. Anyone who has a suggestion should feel free to share it with any of the committee members.

The committee members were: Ann Acquilano (merchant follow-up), Arch Aitcheson (set-up), Liz Aitcheson (catalogue), Ken Bensen (chair), Liz Bensen and Shirley Beyer (publicity), Biff Brafford, Doris Brafford (phone), Earl Danieley (auctioneer), Verona Danieley, Sara Dodson (tellers), Melva Foster (cashier and bid bags), Val and George Padgett, Linda and Barry Raker, Linda Vogg (supper). Their time and efforts are much appreciated. We also thank the volunteers who helped at the Faire and Tina Wright-Wood for her assistance. Barry Raker was an excellent auctioneer!

We especially thank all the Service Faire participants. Your donations and purchases determine the success of this event. This year over $8,000.00 was raised for programs of our church.

It is not too early to begin thinking about how you can contribute to the 2001 Service Faire.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bensen

Special Friday's Report

The first Friday of every month (except for summer and early fall) is a "Special Friday" when church members and students at Elon College join in providing an evening out for about ten teenagers with special needs.

Twelve years ago Special Fridays originated as respite for the parents of four and five-year-old children, since it was difficult for them to find substitute caregivers. As those original children have grown up to be 15 to 17 year olds, we have enlisted the energy and enthusiasm of service fraternities, teaching fellows, Hillel and the intercultural fellowship at the college.

Seven of the original "special" group still attend regularly, supplemented by four others in the same age group, as suggested by the Association for Retarded Citizens. The evening is mostly unstructured. The teenagers and college kids dance, throw balls, make origami, draw or build with blocks. Sometimes we have informal games or "float" the parachute. Most of the teenagers are autistic, but the twins have Downs Syndrome, and we have a couple of cerebral palsied kids. They are all affectionate young people who especially enjoy the attention of the college students. While the evening still provides respite for parents, it has come to represent an evening out for teenagers who don't have many casual evening events just for them.

The regular pillars of Special Fridays have been Ann and Kim Aquilano, Laura Chatfield (with Michael and Jesse), Katie Grosse, Sue Shipman and Linda Vogg. We welcome other church adults (with or without your children) and other teenaged helpers. In a few years, we will need to consider starting over with a new young group of children. We know there is a need, but we will need direction and commitment from church members.

--Ellie Ketcham

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)12 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 12/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	17,498.45	219,380.31	202,702.00	16,678.31+	202,702.00	214,768.60
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	980.00	10,990.00	13,300.00	2,310.00	13,300.00	13,935.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.00-
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	751.80	751.80	800.00	48.20	800.00	1,131.92
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	50.13	150.00	99.87	150.00	1,316.06
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	485.97-	2,134.00	.00	2,134.00+	.00	5,428.02
TOTAL Interest	53.39	576.17	500.00	76.17+	500.00	582.47
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	7,980.01
TOTAL INCOME	18,797.67	234,099.41	217,452.00	16,647.41+	217,452.00	245,127.08
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	564.00	1,662.00	.00	1,662.00+	.00	2,479.50
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	200.00	2,755.00	2,360.00	395.00+	2,360.00	3,045.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,287.00	10,650.00	10,900.00	250.00	10,900.00	15,459.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	1,254.73	2,470.00	1,215.27	2,470.00	3,124.24
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	223.56	3,130.44	3,225.00	94.56	3,225.00	9,445.85
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	738.89	300.00	438.89+	300.00	282.26
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	652.51	4,718.05	5,725.00	1,006.95	5,725.00	3,568.25
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	11,870.69	143,777.39	170,172.00	26,394.61	170,172.00	160,833.63
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	6,066.81	46,818.54	48,120.00	1,301.46	48,120.00	47,639.67
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	8,145.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,864.57	216,633.53	243,272.00	26,638.47	243,272.00	254,022.74
NET TOTALS	2,066.90-	17,465.88				8,895.66-

2000 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

	As of 12/31/00	Budget 12/31/00	+/-
Income	$234,099.41	$202,702.00	$31,397.41
Expenses	$216,633.53	$243,272.00	($26,638.47)
Deficit( )	**$17,465.88**		

NOTE: SURPLUS LARGELY DUE TO INCREASE GIVING AND REDUCED SALARY EXPENSE

Funds on hand	12/31/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
Checking	$22,385.99	Checking	$3,697.43
Money Market	$0.00	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	**$22,385.99**	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$24,603.36	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($2,217.37)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,980.66
Net Available	**$8,864.53**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

2000 MISSION EXPENDITURES

World Missions	$10,650.00
Local Missions	$4,444.00
Special Offerings	$1,662.00
Good Samaritan	$10,001.46
Total	**$26,757.46**
% of Total Expenditures	**12.35%**

1999 MISSION EXPENDITURES

World Missions	$15,459.00
Local Missions	$3,045.00
Special Offerings	$4,244.50
Good Samaritan	$7,912.79
Total	**$30,661.29**
% of Total Expenditures	**14.15%**

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	12/31/00		
Building Fund	$10,559.66	Checking	$437.06
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$58,491.03
New Fellowship Bld	$11,375.56	Certificate of Deposit	$11,807.89
Interest Received	$4,965.54	Total	$70,735.98
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Steeple Repair Fund	($4,546.67)		
Other Memorials	$50,727.40		
Total	**$70,735.98**	Net Available	**$70,735.98**

Budget and Finance Committee Report

The Budget and Finance Committee met several times during 2000. Most meetings were combined with the Stewardship Committee.

Committee member included: Dave Turnage, Ann Vickers, Wally Snyder, Ken Harper, and Bill Beyer.

The proposed budget for 2001 was prepared using estimated fixed expenses forthe coming year and the budgets submitted by the church boards.

The budget has not been finalized pending receipt of all year 2001 pledges.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Harper

Cub Scout Pack 51 Report

Fifty-three boys: fifteen Tiger Cubs (first graders), twenty Cubs (second and third graders) and sixteen Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's Cub Scout pack. Twenty adults have provided leadership for the five dens that meet each Monday night. These are den leaders Marty and Jill Baker, Jody Emond, Sara Bragg, Lori Bare, Miguel Bejos, Jeff Brenner, John Haigh, Ledana Kernodle, Terry Atkinson, Allen Best, Val Hudson, B. J. Hudson, Douglas Hudson, Doug Dubay, David Fender, and Walter James and assistant cubmasters Junior Bare, and Alton Trott. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their time and talents.

In March and April, ten Webelos received the Arrow of Light that is the highest award in Cub Scouting. We again exceeded the national standards for rank advancement, and for the percent of our Cubs who participate in the summertime programs. This summer five Cubs and two leaders attended Cub Day Camp for one week. Eight Webelos Scouts, one den chief, and five adult leaders attended Webelos Resident Camp at our council's Cub Scout facility, Woodfield Scout Preservation. We are excited that Sara Bragg who was a member of the Woodfield Summer Camp staff for the second year. Pack 51 will receive the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award for 2000. In February, Alton Trott will receive his Woodbadge, an international training award originally developed by Lord Baden-Powell.

Some highlights of our program this year have been our Pack's spring camping trip to Woodfield Scout Preservation in April. Sixty-two people from our pack spend the weekend camping together. Miguel Bejos and his crew cooked dinner and breakfast for all those hungry folks. This summer we made a Saturday trip to Spencer Shops Transportation Museum, went to a baseball game, and had a well-attended swimming party and hot dog supper at the Gibsonville Club. Several of our scouts attended the Mom and Me and Dad and Me weekends at Woodfield. Last May the cubs participated in a bike safety program, bike inspection and bike rodeo. Our annual fundraiser, the pack's Father and Son Cake Sale in November provided some unusual and creative cakes and was a lot of fun for everyone. At our December Pack meeting each boy received a "genius kit". At our January meeting, the scouts' creations will be judged for Most Ingenious, Most Artistic and Most Useful.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee members: Chairman Jim Brown, Henry Buckner, Mack Scott, and Arch Aitcheson.

George Troxler
Cubmaster

Elon College Community Church
2000 History

Everyone knows what history is so there is no need to define it. Here is one of Noah Webster's definitions anyway:

History is: L historia, fr, Gk, Inquiry ... TALE, STORY .... a chronological record of significant events (as affecting a nation or institution) usu. including an explanation of their causes. [1]

So there! I did not know that. I thought it might be a running together of two words: 'His' and 'Story'. But I knew it would never do to compile a man's version of significant events as applied to Elon College Community Church. I may have the title but our true historians are Mary Cunningham and Ruth Cheek. They know what constitutes church history. They are the keepers of the keys to the archives of ECCC, a traditional function of historians. They choose and preserve writings and other memoranda of significant events affecting our Church. Mrs Cunningham has officially served as Historian and, as I recall, so has the late Mary Graham MacIntosh, and in all probability, other women as well. If my naïve notion were correct, their title would have been 'Herstorians'.

There are, of course, more precise definitions of history as respects churches. They are set forth in denominational, associonational, conference and local church documents which are much too long and detailed for inclusion in a history of a single church in a single year. Yet by any definition, it is well to be mindful that church history is history of people, not of buildings or programs, as every church congregation is a part of the Body of Christ on earth, and every member, not just the leaders, are members of that Body. Church history is the collective history of the people who are members of the church.

As I have neither the ability nor the inclination to try to match the thoroughly detailed and insightful work of Dr William J Andes for the year 1999, I shall attempt to write a narrative account of some of the events affecting our Church during the year 2000 which I believe have historical significance. It will be of necessity incomplete, selective and of debatable merit.

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[1] *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. G&C Meriam Co., 1976. p 543.*

Our Church continued to function well under the leadership of The Reverend Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Teacher, Dr Ray Covington, Moderator, and the several boards and committees, as will appear from their Annual Reports with which this report will be included, and which constitute the major portion of the history of the year 2000.

Pastor Arch accompanying a medical team continued an international ministry in the Dominican Republic, 'Healing The Children', and with help from his wife, Liz, his son, Scott, and our generous congregation, initiated a program of distributing toys and other small gifts to children in Bosnia. That program is an ongoing expression of good will which, like 'Healing The Children', is directed to the generation most likely to respond in kind in the future.

On the national level, our Church was honored by serving as host at a visit to our area of Reverend John H Thomas, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. A reception held for him in our Parish House on March 30th was attended by our members, representatives of area churches and officials of the Southern Conference and Eastern North Carolina Association, UCC. Reverend Thomas' challenging address was titled Moral Grandeur And Spiritual Audacity. A copy is available on the UCC web page and in our archival files. The speech lives up to its title, is inspiring as well as challenging and is well worth reading.

On the local level, our deteriorating Church steeple got a necessary face lift. In the month of May it was removed from its base, given a coating of copper and restored to its place of prominence atop the base. The base later got a much needed new coat of paint, as did the interior of the sanctuary. The steeple renewal is recorded in color photographs filed in our archives.

To replace our Director of Christian Education, Becky Peeler, who moved to 'in care status' in her progress toward ordination to the ministry, a series of three congregational meetings were held to afford every member an opportunity to express opinions as to the employment of a new staff person. These were well attended and very productive. The opinions were considered by a Search Committee headed by Dr George Troxler and, reflecting those opinions, a job description for an Associate Minister was drawn up and approved by the congregation. The consideration by the committee of candidates for the position is yet underway and is expected to be completed sometime early next year.

To fill some of the void created by the departure of Becky Peeler, Bekah Davis was recruited, and though a mother in waiting with not long to wait, she arrived with astonishing energy and competence. Our Sunday School teachers and students have been the grateful beneficiaries. She has now taken on additional duties required of all new mothers but continues to provide innovative leadership in Christian Education.

Ed Marsh was for us a fortunate void filler to take up youth leadership. He has been remarkably effective and well received by all our young people. He was recently approved by our Church for 'in care' status. How lucky we are to have been favored by Bekah and Ed. If not for them, our Pastor would have been unbearably overburdened. As it is, the need for all our members to discharge conscientiously the duties they have undertaken is essential to give him some respite.

Emphasizing the historical support of public education by the four component denominations of the United Church of Christ – Congregationalists, Reformed, Evangelical and Christian – our Church distributed a flyer urging our members to attend the May 15th meeting of the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners and urge the adoption of an adequate budget for the public schools. We were reminded to think of attending that meeting as not just our civic duty but also as a part of our ministry for Christ in Today's World.

The importance of education of clergy and congregation has been demonstrated recently by the rejection of the Eastern North Carolina Association of an application for membership of a new church congregation in North Raleigh. The votes against admission were cast for the most part by churches whose pastors had been called to preach but ordained with little education, theological or otherwise. The grounds that were stated for these negative votes were incompatible with the open and affirming polity of the United Church of Christ. Efforts to reverse that action have been made but the outcome is yet in doubt.

Maybe by reason of our current affluence or the aging of a substantial portion of our congregation, or both, some of our leaders came up with the thought that plans should be made for continued existence of our century old Church. Moderator Ray assembled an ad hoc committee to look into the formation of an endowment program. The committee has met a number of times and is proceeding carefully toward preparation of a

Nominating Committee Report

Elon College Community Church Leadership 2001

Moderator: Marie Wilkins

Building Fund Secretary(1998): Roberta Starr

Moderator Elect: Gayland Welborn

Treasurer: Bill Beyer

Historian: D. Marsh McLelland

Secretary: Jimma Causey (1998)

Board of Deacons:

2001	2002	2003
Steve Perry	Roberta Starr	Ann Vickers
Barry Raker	Nell Snyder	Sue Shipley
Bill Ruth	Martin Shotzberger	Ann Acquilano

Board of Trustees:

2001	2002	2003
Earl Danieley	Shirley Beyer	Joe Davis
Jo Grimley	Mark Danieley	Lucille Stone
Jim Starr	Dolores Truitt	Tony Hummel

Board of Christian Education:

2000 (one year terms under new configuration . . .)

Adult Coordinator - Liz Aitcheson **Family Cordinator-** Bernice Harclerode

Children's Coordinator -Bekah Davis **Youth Coordinator** -Ed Marsh

Nursery Coordinator -Margaret Smith **Chairperson-** Marcey Katterman

Board of Missions:

2001	2002	2003
Ellie Ketcham	Louis Wilkins	Katherine Floyd
Betty Walker	Marsh McLelland	Robert Vick
Cathy Covington	George Troxler	Betty King

Board of Evangelism:

2001	2002	2003
Dave Turnage	Carol Oakley	Tom & Kathryn Clark
Wally Snyder	Karen Huffman	Bill&Susan Menikheim
Verona Danieley	Rob Mayworth	Ray Covington

Building Supervisors: Biff Brafford & Harvey Hook , Gene Grimley , Charley Woolsey

Boy Scout Committee:	Class of 2001	Class of 2002
	Mack Scott	Jim Brown
	Robin Woody	Pending
		George Troxler

Delegates to the Eastern NC Association UCC: To be discussed by Church Council in '01

2001(3)	2001 Alternates: (2)
1.	1.
2.	2. _____
3. _____	

Delegates to the Southern Conference UCC: Elon College -June 2001

2001 (3)	2001 Alternates: (2)
1. Earl Danieley	1. John Truitt
2. Jo Grimley	2. Pending
3. Pending	

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Pastor Parish Relations:

2001

Ray Covington (Council Chair 2000)	**Marie Wilkins (Council Chair 2001)**
(Trustee) Jo Grimley	**(Deacon)** Steve Perry
(Evangelism) Verona Danieley	**(CE)** Sue Shipley

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (To Be Chosen by the Church Council)

Budget & Finance Committee:

2001 (2)	2002 (3)
Wally Snyder	Eric Allshouse
Ken Harper	Faye Conally
	Ray Harclerode

Ex Officio: Treasurer

Personnel Committee:

2001 (3)	2002 (2)
Earl Danieley	Sue Shipley
Martin Shotzberger	Dave Turnage
Dick Rinker	

Stewardship Committee:

2001 (3)	2002 (2)
Roberta Starr	Melodie Allshouse
Ray Covington	Tom Conally
Barry Raker	

Nominating Committee:

2001 (3)	2002 (3)
Mary Ruth	Norma Watson
Katherine Floyd	Vivian Bengel
Marie Eyes	Carole Troxler

Chair: Pastor Aitcheson

Church Attendance Record for 2000

MONTH	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	Mth. Aver.
January	169	164	0	0		166.5
February	189	134	175	175		168.25
March	182	186	124	139		157.75
April	165	148	186	269	136	180.8
May	155	172	138	115		145
June	167	109	129	146		137.75
July	123	125	132	151	143	134.8
August	155	162	240**	140		253.5
September	134	184	121	169		152
October	175*	379***	148	147	173	204.4
November	202~	187	148	124		165.25
December	148^*	174	134	290^	123	173.8

* Elon College Family Weekend (10/1/00) - 175
** Elon College Football Sunday (8/20/99) - 240
*** Homecoming Service (10/8/00) - 379
~ Elon College Homecoming (11/5/00) - 202
^* Love Feast (12/3/00) - 275
^ Christmas Eve Service (12/24/00) 11:00p - 110

Special Worship
Good Friday - 75 Easter - 269 Palm Sunday - 186

	1998	1999	2000
Highest Attendance	351	362	379
Lowest Attendance	10	16*	123
Average Sunday Worship	168.1125	149.933	169.983

ELON COLLEGE
Office of Institutional Advancement
Annual Report of Endowments

Endowment/Scholarship Name:
Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund
Closing Balance as of May 31, 2000 **$28,739.43**

Recipients:

Name	City, State	Year	Amount
Brad Linde	Elon College, NC	Junior	$1,800.00

Contemporary Worship?

Touching Lives?

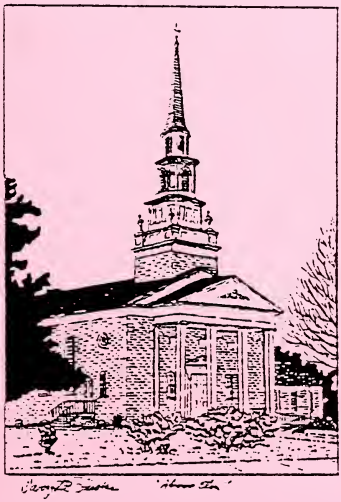
Embracing the Third Millennium

Inclusiveness? Commitment

Active Lay Leadership?

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

+ THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE +



From the Pastor . .The Ripple Effect of Epiphany

It
was
Just One
Simple Act of
Love and Selflessness
that pierced the surfaces
of humanity's hardened ways
that caused Ripples of miraculous
Changes in the larger Scheme of Life.
First, one Soul discovers a renewed Spirit,
then another and another and another, until
the difficult Times and obstinate Attitudes are
gently replaced by the epiphanies and new insights
that transform the Forgotten and the Abandoned
into the Beloved and the Embraced Children of
the Loving God who actively seeks for us all
not to toss us aside into the Oblivion and
the Darkness of the Unknown of Evil,
But who shines like a bright Star
Illuminating life's Intimacy
when Creator and each
Creature are linked
by Just One
Simplistic
Act of
God.

May the ripples of God's love, that shone in Epiphany's Star, and was revealed in Jesus Christ, shine upon you and yours in the Year of our Lord, Two thousand one.

In Christ's love,

Tom's Devotion for January . . .

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

Apply your mind to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge. (Proverbs 23: 12)

Many homes have sprayed on ceilings that some refer to as 'popcorn' or textured. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, a textured ceiling is painted with bright white paint with tiny little beads mixed in. I think the main reason builders use it is to cover up the unevenness of the ceiling, bu that is for another devotional.

Anyway, as with any paint, textured paint will flake off over time. On a wall or the outside of the house is one thing, but when the ceiling paint begins to flake off, it's simply a matter of time before it becomes annoying. For me the aggravation came when the textured ceiling in my bathroom decided to fall off just after I put shampoo in my hair. To repair this, I had the grand idea that I could easily patch the problem area.

The clever do all things intelligently, but the fool displays folly. (Proverbs 13:16)

I returned from Lowe's with the necessary supplies and proceeded to fix the small area of chipped paint. I chose the textured ceiling-in-a-can for the repairs. I glanced at the instructions and was positive I could handle the job. I shook the can as instructed and then aimed it at the ceiling and practices the back and forth motion. I thought I was ready. I thought the job would be simple. A few quick sprays and the ceiling would be perfect.

To make this devotional short, let me sum up the rest of the story. I pushed the nozzle on the can and somehow managed to get some of the paint on the ceiling . . . But I also sprayed the bathroom walls, other parts of the ceiling, the floor and me! I ended up with a big mound of the paint on the spot I intended to fix and a huge mess to clean up. In the end, I scraped off the built-up paint and used a roller to repaint an area roughly the size of the tub. If I would have just read the instructions or, better yet, hired someone to fix the problem, I would have come out cheaper and so much happier.

My mistake was that I did not read the instructions.

God has given us instructions for how to live our lives.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 16-17)

We should all read our Bibles every day. God has given us the living word to direct our paths, comfort us, chastise us, and teach us how to live!

Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper, and happy are those who trust in the LORD. (Proverbs 16:20)

Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed! (Prov. 15:22)

Keep this verse of scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. ***The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path!*** (2 Samuel 22: 33)

May God bless you!

Tom Small
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

Leadership News

✷ **All newly elected Board Members** and **those completing the Class of 2000** are reminded that you are expected to attend **Church Night on January 14, 2001.** This will provide basic leadership information for those who are new and will allow outgoing members the opportunity to orient the new! New Chairpersons and delegates to Church Council should be named at the early portion of the Board Meetings.

✷**The past and Newly elected Church Council Members** will meet at 8:15 in the Gregory Library following the **Board Meetings on January 14**. Council representatives and Church Officers need to attend this meeting.

✷**All Board Chairs of 2000 and Officers should have their Annual Reports into Tina Wright Wood's office** by the time you read this issue of the TORCH!

✷**Annual Meeting!!! JANUARY 28, 2001 AT NOON.** Board Members and Church Council representatives are asked to help **set up the Parish House** on Saturday Morning at 9:30 on January 27, 2001. They are also asked to bring iced tea, lemonade, etc. for the **Covered Dish Luncheon.**

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS are requested to attend this meeting and to bring **a covered dish to share for the buffet!**

✷ **At the Annual Meeting . . . .**

1. **Persons leaving officer, board or committee positions will be Recognized and honored!**
2. **The Pastor, Moderator 2000 and Moderator 2001 will give spoken reports!**
3. **Annual Reports will be adopted.** (They should be available 2 weeks prior to the meeting!)

✷**February 4, 2001** - at the Eleven o'clock service **New Leaders will be installed and new Deacons will be ordained.**

Pray for our leaders in 2001. Your daily prayers for them can only encourage them and enrich their ministries on our behalf!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2000 - MINUTES

The Elon College Community Church met in special session on Sunday, December 17, 2000, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary after the morning worship service. The meeting was for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports from Nominating, Stewardship and Budget/ Finance Committees.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Ray Covington. The report of the Nominating was presented by the Rev. Arch Aitcheson. A copy is attached. It was VOTED to approve the report and to elect the person who had been nominated. Additional nominees will be presented at a later date. Rev. Aitcheson recognized the work of Dolores Truitt and Mary Ruth of the committee.

Rev. John Truitt presented the report of the Stewardship Committee. He pointed to the many ways in which members of the Church give of their time and talents as stewards. He reported that pledges to the budget had fallen short of the goal which had been projected in the proposed budget. The shortfall was approximately $60,000.

Dr. Kenneth Harper presented the report from the Budget/Finance Committee. Their report reflected the shortfall to which Rev. Truitt had made reference. The revised budget was for a total of $214,426 and it did not include the proposed expenditure for the new position of Associate Pastor.

It was VOTED (E. Danieley, J. Scott) that the Church adopt the revised budget as presented and that the Church Council be asked to consider the programs and priorities of the Church as we look forward to the coming year.

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on Sunday, January 28. There will be a covered dish luncheon.

The meeting adjourned after a closing prayer by Dr. Covington.

Earl Danieley

Minutes taken and transcribed by Earl Danieley

Ray Covington
905 Haddington Court
Stoney Creek, NC 27377

December 19, 2000

Dear Elon Church Friends:

Our Church is at the crossroads. We have carefully studied our opportunities for ministry in our community and concluded that we need to call an Associate Pastor. Our Search Committee has been working very conscientiously and is ready to begin the interview process.

NOW, here is the problem. In order to fully implement the proposed program we will need income of about $274,000 in 2001. After completing our stewardship campaign we have assurance of only about $214,000 leaving a shortfall of $60,000. Facing these facts our Budget/Finance Committee recommended dropping the position of Associate Pastor.

After we shared that news in our Church meeting on Sunday, one of our families increased their pledge to $10,000!!!!!! Another has increased theirs by $1,250. Will you join us in INVESTING in our program of ministry so that we will be able to go forward? USE THE ATTACHED PLEDGE CARD TO INDICATE HOW MUCH YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2001. The Church Council will meet to consider the "priorities and programs" of the Church and will keep you fully informed as we make progress toward expanding our ministry to the congregation and community.

God bless you as you consider your commitment to the Church.

Ray Covington, Moderator

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PLEDGE RESPONSE CARD 2001

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

To the Budget/Finance Committee:

PLEASE INCREASE MY 2001 PLEDGE BY $_____
PER WEEK ___PER MONTH ___ PER YEAR ___OTHER___

SIGNATURE _____
Please mail this form to the Church Office P.O. Box 625 Elon College NC 27244

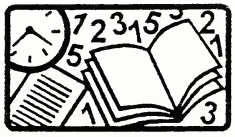
It's time to get your

God's Creation Calendars

You'll need to act *fast*, because there is a limited quantity! These are the same beautiful calendars the youth sold last year at $6.00 each.

All monies raised will support this year's Carolina Cross Connection trip.

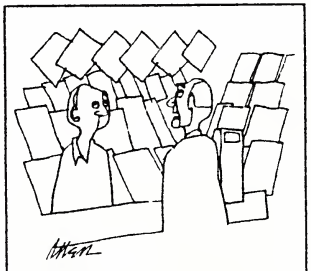
Get yours after church next Sunday or from the church office before they're gone!!



Bible Test Answers

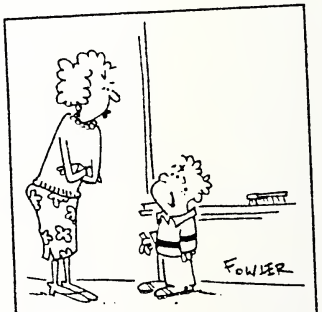
The following are answers given by students at the Williamston Presbyterian Church, South Carolina, to test questions on the Bible:

The first book of the Bible is Guinesses in which Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
The Jews had trouble throughout their history with unsympathetic Genitals.
Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
Unleavened bread made without ingredients.
Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 Commandments.
The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery."
Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
David fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
Jesus was born because Mary had immaculate contraption.
The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 decibles.
The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
One of the opposums was St. Matthew.
Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.



I'm opening a new dental office so I'll need a bunch of two year old magazines.

Stan Allen (c)MMI



"If I improve my handwriting too much I'll flunk spelling."

Hank Fowler (c)MMI

WINTERFEST

Fellowship Luncheon

German menu featuring pork roast & goulash

Sunday, January 21, 2001

Tickets: $10.00 Adults
$ 5.00 Children 6 – 12

Tickets will be on sale January 7 & 14

January 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, 11:30 a.m. in the Seeker's Room.	1	2 Noon Communion	3 7:00 8:00
7 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth **DEACON ON CALL** **LYNN DENNY 292-0786**	8 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Circle 2	9 11:30a Circle 3 Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG	10 7:00 8:00
14 **Teacher Appreciation** 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship/6:00p Youth 6:30p Church Nite **DEACON ON CALL** **KAY HENSLEY 584-5940**	15 **MARTIN L. KING DAY** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 7:00p Cub Scouts	16 oon Communion oon TORCH DEADLINE	17 7:00p 8:00p
21 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon **WINTERFEST** 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth **DEACON ON CALL** **STEVE PERRY 449-7668**	22 7:00p Cub Scouts	23 Noon Communion	24 7:00p 8:00p
28 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **12N ANNUAL MTG LUNCHEON** 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth **DEACON ON CALL** **BARRY RAKER 584-7725**	29 7:00p Pack Meeting	30 Noon Communion	31 7:00p 8:00p

Thursday	Friday	Saturday

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Boye (c)MMI

Rough translation ...
"No solicitors"

A.A.McCourt (c)MMI

4 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	5 6:45p Special Friday's 7:00p Shelter Meal	6
11 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	12	13
18 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	19	20
25 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	26	27

"I'll give you 8 to 5 odds we can cure you!"

A.A.McCourt (c)MMI

USHERS?

ANY INTERESTED PERSONS interested in becoming ushers for Sunday worship services should please contact BILL RUTH for more information.

Annual Meeting
Covered Dish Luncheon
will be held on SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th at NOON.
Hope to see everyone in attendance!

Be here for...

Teacher Appreciation and Best Attendance Sunday

January 14, 2001

10:00 Sunday School

And

11:00 Worship

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
Board Of Missions
10 December 2000

Helen Rippy, our Keeper of the Pantry, reports that we have succeeded in giving away our supply of food. The shelves are bare again. Every variety of food staples are needed. Since our members have always responded to the need, she hopes and believes the Pantry will be restocked again soon. Helen is ending her term on the Board of Missions. She has been so faithful and efficient that it is hoped she will continue to help in this worthy endeavor.

Our Co-Chair Katherine Floyd is expected to continue on the Board beyond her normal tenure, and the Board hopes that she and Co-Chair Louis Wilkins will continue to lead us through 2001. New members nominated and expected to be elected unanimously are Robert Vick and Betty King.

Reports were made by Co-Chair Katherine Floyd on our participation in the shelter and other programs of the Allied Churches of Alamance County for the homeless and needy. Reverend Glen McNeil is the new director of the program for finding homes for the homeless. He has a budget but no pledges to fund it leaving him dependent on gifts from member churches and individual members of those churches.

The effective members present, that is, the women, discussed and divided up among themselves participation in Meals on Wheels, Special Fridays, and other ongoing projects; Pastor Arch Aitcheson reported on efforts to meet needs of local victims of AIDs, and of the continuing and overwhelming success of the international mission of the Aitcheson family to supply toys to children in Bosnia; Dick Rinker has agreed to promote the appeal for Veterans of the Cross; Katherine Floyd reported success in the endowment fund promotion by the Elon Home For Children; the undersigned reported on progress of an ad hoc committee on endowment for our church which will be proposed to the Church Council for adoption.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

Dear Friends,
This is just a short note to thank you for making my daughter feel so welcomed at your church. She is our first child to leave for college and I can't tell you the comfort her father and I have felt by knowing she had friends in Christ looking out for her. What a neat mission you have there. God's Blessings this Holy season and thank you once again.

David and Nancy Brenneman
(E.J.s parents)

DEAR CHURCH MEMBERS,
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS A WORD OF THANKS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP YOU SENT ME. I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT WRITING TO YOU SOONER, I HAVE BEEN BUSY STUDYING AND WRITING PAPERS. I HOPE THAT THIS E-MAIL FINDS ALL OF YOU DOING WELL. PLEASE KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS SO THAT I MAY CONTINUE IN CHRIST'S SERVICE.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU,
RAY C. TURNER

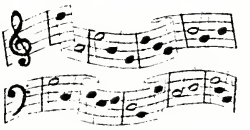
Dear Elon College Community Church,
Being a student at Elon, far from home, I was so grateful to receive your exam kit. The kit was an extreme act of kindness, especially around the holiday season. I have enjoyed attending the services at this church and I look forward to many more in the years to come. Again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Leslie Gwaltney

Dear Elon College Community Church,
I just wanted to thank you all for the "Emergency Exam Kit" that was brought to my door last week. It came at a perfect time, right before I started to stress too much. It reminded me that there are other things out there other than exams and that I will get through them. The fact that you all took the time to put something like that together for us made me feel great. It really made y week and everyone I told about it also got the same feeling. Again, I just wanted to thank you. Have a great holiday.

Sincerely,
Krystal Jenks

Handbells in January



for Children and Youth?

YOU DECIDE!!

For us to have beginning and youth handbell choirs, several children and youth (Grades 3 - 12) are needed. Please complete and return the registration below if you wish your child to participate in either of these groups for one month. Meeting times are listed below:

Every Sunday in January, 2001

Beginning Bells	4:00 p.m.
Youth Bells	5:00 p.m.

Child's Name_____

Child's Grade in School_____

Parent(s)'Names_____

Parents'Phone/E-mail_____

Call Betty Dillashaw (538-0672) with any questions. Registrations are needed in the church office by Sunday, December 24, 2000.

ELON Homes for Children

The Barringer Center for Child Development • Specialized Foster Care
Residential Crisis Care and Transitional Care
Lakeside Charter Public School • Kennedy Charter Public School
Family Care • Vocational Learning

REV. DR. FREDERICK G. GROSSE
President

December 7, 2000

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
Elon College Community UCC
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Arch:

Thank you very much for your congregational gift of $200.00 to Elon Homes for Children. This gift not only provides care and comfort to the children during the holidays, but throughout the entire year. This expression of concern for children and young people is greatly appreciated.

Your gift and the gifts of other caring supporters make possible the programs and services Elon Homes is able to provide for the young people in our care. By offering a stable, nurturing and healing environment, each child has a chance to move forward to meaningful and successful lives.

Thank you for sharing in the mission of Elon Homes for Children. ***We wish you all a happy holiday season and peace in the new year.***

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
President

Our federal tax identification number is 56-0543225
The law requires us to state that no goods or services were provided in return for this gift.

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Snyder Campus
P.O. Box 157
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0091
FAX (336) 584-4026
http://www.elonhomes.org

Elon Homes for Children at Charlotte
Kennedy Campus
P.O. Box 472527
Charlotte, NC 28247
(704) 542-3310
FAX (704) 543-6628

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336-229-0881
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Christian Assistance
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Bill Adams, Director

Good Shepherd
Community Kitchen*
336-229-4343
Michelle Embree, Director

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Night Shelter*
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Bill Adams, Director

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*Receives Funds from the United Way

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Serving the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the elderly in our community

206 N Fisher Street • PO Box 2581
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E-mail: acacnet@netpath.net

November 10th, 2000

UCC08
Attn: Pastor
Elon College Community U C C
PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends,

I thank you so much for your donation of $500.00 for our ministries. I can't stress enough how much your gifts make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who come to us for assistance in time of need -- usually a time of crisis.

This last quarter of the year 2000 is an exciting time at the Ministries Center for several reasons. (1) The need for Allied Churches Ministries has been verified throughout this year with higher and higher numbers of requests for help. The sad thing is that the needs continue to exceed the resources, but we ARE needed! (2) We are about to launch a major initiative to minimize the periods of lower income and increase our ability to meet this community's needs. People like you referring us to others of means who also care about this work will be a great help. (3) We have received (and continue to need) the selfless commitment of many, many volunteers for our Good Shepherd Kitchen, the Emergency Night Shelter, and the Christian Assistance Network, along with meeting the needs of our community's elderly through the Caring & Sharing ministry. You, like these others, have helped make possible the hand of help extended to those in crisis. Thank you!

Ministering Christ's love with you,

Glenn A. T. McNiel, D.Min., Executive Director

P.S. - Two reminders to our supporters. (1) Your gift is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and we acknowledge that you have received no goods or services from us in return. (2) We know that you appreciate our not renting or exchanging the names and addresses of our individual donors to other organizations or businesses.

Thanks so much! I'd love to come speak to ECC UCC, either about Allied Churches or preach! Both, I love to do both. & I love fraternities & sororities. Thanks for inviting me. Jackie

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)11 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 11/30/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	24,154.43	201,881.86	186,310.24	15,571.62+	202,702.00	196,947.
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	995.00	10,010.00	12,191.63	2,181.63	13,300.00	11,970.
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	733.37	733.37	800.00	1,131.
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	50.13	137.50	87.37	150.00	1,287.
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	15.00	2,619.97	.00	2,619.97+	.00	4,756.
TOTAL Interest	15.42	522.78	458.37	64.41+	500.00	578.
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	7,980.
TOTAL INCOME	25,179.85	215,301.74	199,831.11	15,470.63+	217,452.00	224,636.
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	2,052.
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	200.00	2,555.00	2,160.00	395.00+	2,360.00	2,845.
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	933.00	9,363.00	9,580.00	217.00	10,900.00	13,900.
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	1,254.73	2,109.05	854.32	2,470.00	3,124.
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	250.38-	2,906.88	3,005.38	98.50	3,225.00	8,920.
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	738.89	282.60	456.29+	300.00	282.
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	1,040.10	4,065.54	5,255.20	1,189.66	5,725.00	2,930.
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	10,127.67	131,906.70	155,424.17	23,517.47	170,172.00	143,533.
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	2,930.53	40,751.73	43,496.94	2,745.21	48,120.00	43,096.
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	8,145.
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,980.92	195,768.96	221,313.34	25,544.38	243,272.00	228,829.
NET TOTALS	10,198.93	19,532.78				4,193

December 6, 2000

To All the Members of Elon College Community Church, I just wanted to say thank you for the "exam bag." All the goodies were so nice. It was very kind of you to prepare the bag for me and I greatly appreciate it. Than you so much for thinking about me during this stressful time. God Bless You.

In Him,
Robyn Fleck

TREASURER'S REPORT 11/30/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 11/30/00	Budget to date 11/30/00	Year to Date
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$215,301.74	$199,831.11	$15,470.63
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$195,768.96	$221,313.34	($25,544.38)
Deficit( )	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$19,532.78**	($21,482.23)	

Funds on hand	11/30/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
Checking CCB	$0.00	Checking	$3,697.43
Checking 1ST State	$22,892.03	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$22,892.03	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$23,042.50	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($150.47)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**$10,931.43**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID:	$0.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	11/30/00		
Building Fund	$10,559.66	Checking	$436.46
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$55,841.07
Steeple Repair Fund	($5,448.67)	Certificate of Deposit	$11,589.85
New Fellowship Bld	$11,157.52		
Interest Received	$4,528.98	Total	$67,867.38
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$49,415.40	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$67,867.38**	Net Available	**$67,867.38**

Notes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

******* THE BUDGET SURPLUS IS DUE TO REDUCED SALARY EXPENSE AND INCREASE GIVING TO DATE

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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mayse
JAN 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd
JAN 21 - Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
JAN 24 - Mrs. Josie Huey

Ushers for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
JAN 14 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry
JAN 21 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
JAN 24 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
JAN 14 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
JAN 21 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
JAN 24 - Jeff Wilkins/Zach Welborn

Greeters for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Joe and Bekah Davis
JAN 14 - Wally and Nell Snyder
JAN 21 - Barry and Linda Raker
JAN 24 - Steve and Kim Perry

Nursery for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Eric and Melodie Allshouse
JAN 14 - Ray and Bernice Harclerode
JAN 21 - Lou Harper/Geoff Bengel
JAN 24 - Louis and Beth Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
JAN 14 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
JAN 21 - Marie and Anna Wilkins
JAN 24 - Christy and David Ruth

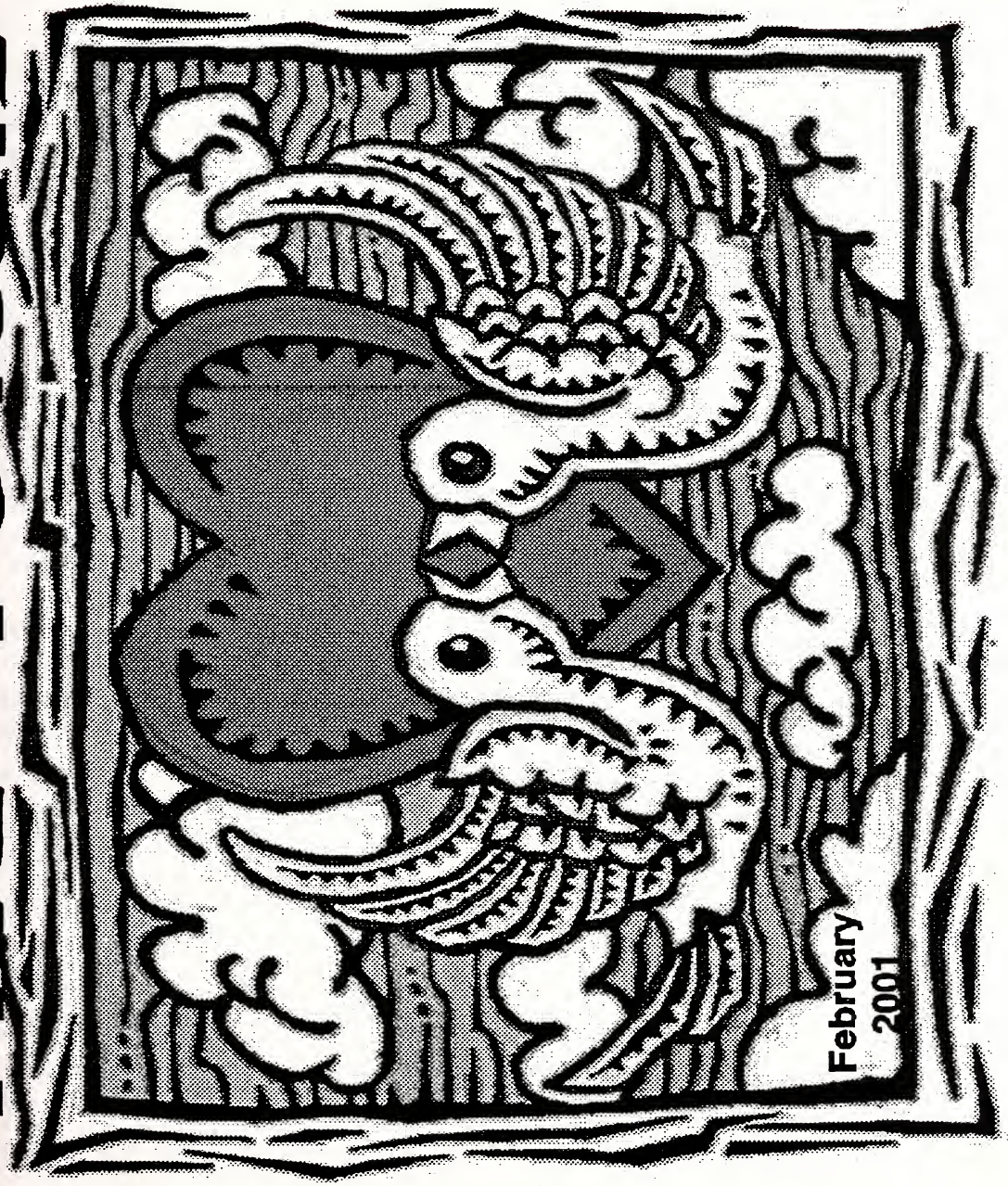
Bulletin Board Update for JANUARY
1st Week - Verona Danieley
2nd Week - Bekah Davis
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Liz Bensen/5th Wk-Vogg

Liturgists for JANUARY
JAN 7 - Ed Marsh
JAN 14 - Earl Danieley
JAN 21 - Marsh McLelland
JAN 24 - Ray Covington

Church Attendance for
DEC 3 - 275
DEC 10 - 174
DEC 17 - 116
DEC 24 - 290

Happy Valentine's Day

The Torch



February 2001

From the Pastor . .

The Annual Meeting is Over.
Another year has passed.
This was number eight for this pastor.
Number nine has begun with challenges and possibilities.
New Deacons will be ordained and new leaders installed on the first Sunday of this month.
Preparation for Lent begins (already!)
Deacons promise a study program for us this year!
New tasks must be performed and tending to the "emergencies" require more energy and time.
Thirty-one years of ministerial experience have flown by and the prospects of the future in the United Church of Christ and in this profession bring promises of more change and more challenges.
New worship forms and new configurations of interactive spiritual experience will need to be implemented.
New opportunities of togetherness and out reach will be needed to keep us connecte with one another and with God.
The challenge is not mine alone.
It is your challenge, too.
I find hope in the outstretched arms of that Jesus who told the earliest form of "Church" to "Love one another."
This month of "love" reminds me that the only constant in all the years, in all the ministerial settings, and in all of life's experiences, is the assurance of God's love.

There is the energy for the days ahead.
A new year is ahead.
Another annual meeting will happen.
Because of the Love of God revealed to us NOW in Jesus Christ.

God loves you. So do I.

In Christ's love.

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor & Teacher

February Devotion from Tom Small . . . .

Thanks

Thank you God!

How many of us can say we have thanked the Father today for all His blessings? I know there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of blessings for which I have not given God the thanks He deserves. I do try to thank the LORD for all I can remember.

> *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV)

Each of us relies on God whether we want to admit it or not. He is the Creator and Sustainer of life. Whether you have accepted God's Son, Jesus Christ, as your Savior or not, God is still active in your life. He created you. He loves you. He wants to know you on a more personal level.

> *How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ. [5]His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.* (Ephesians 1:3, 5 NLT)

None of us could ever thank God for all He has done, is doing, or will do in our lives. The important thing to realize is that God the Father controls all things. We need to express our gratitude for what He is doing in our lives.

> *O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! [34]"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has been His counselor?" [35]"Or who has given a gift to Him, to receive a gift in return?" [36]For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.* (Romans 11:33-36 NRSV)

> *O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. [2]Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those He redeemed from trouble* (Psalm 107: 1-2 NRSV)

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. *The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.* (II Samuel 22:33 NRSV)

May God Bless You!

Tom
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

It's Not Too Early...

...to be thinking about the Service Faire.

Service Faire 2001 will take place
Saturday, November 3

It's time to consider --
What can you contribute?
How can you help?

Watch this space for the time and place of
our first organizational meeting.
Be a part of something REALLY SPECIAL!

Linda Vogg and Liz Aitcheson, Co-chairs

WHAT'S HOT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

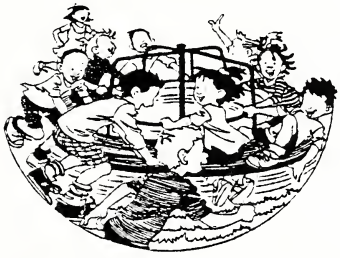
The 2001 Christian Education Board met for the first time during Church Night on January 21, and Sue Shipley and Beth Wilkins coordinated the transition from the old board to the new one.

Marcey Katterman is the chair, and new responsibilities are as follows:

Nursery Coordinator	Margaret Smith
Children's Coordinator	Bekah Davis
Youth Coordinator	Ed Marsh
Adult Coordinator	Liz Aitcheson
Family Coordinator	Bernice Harclerode

We have a lot of events planned, but we're always looking for your ideas. CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS if there is a program you would like to see implemented.

We Need You!



To help with our children.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
ONLY 1 OR 2 SUNDAYS THIS YEAR.

As the number of children in our church increases, we need volunteers to staff the Nursery and Toddler class and help with Second Hour Sunday School.
Give **the gift of your time** to our church leaders of tomorrow.

To sign up, call Bekah Davis at the church office — 584-0391

Many have expressed an interest in learning how to make the paper Moravian stars. The major requirements are PATIENCE and desire. A class will be held February 12 from 7-9 pm and continuing each Monday night until everyone has completed a star. The star that will be made in class is one which is 8" in diameter. Materials needed for the class are: a dull x-acto or razor knife, Sobo glue, a plastic or styrofoam plate, a large tapestry needle, scissors, a metal ruler (6" will work), and a small piece of poster board for a clean work surface. There will not be a cost for the class unless you wish to order the book. If you are interested call Linda Raker at 584-7725 or e-mail her at lmrake@aol.com by February 7.

A Gentleman's Stand

Tommy Oakley stands tall before his family and many friends.
His height and his stature are not measured in inches or feet;
Tommy's high-rise view of the world is measured in spirit terms,
For his hope-filled faith defined his impact upon all he would meet.

Caswell County roots provided this gentle man with basic values;
Down to earth perceptions of right and wrong and honest fairness
Provided Tommy with the quiet and boldly truthful personality
That allowed for the Spirit's guidance and the Savior's peacefulness.

This man pays daily tribute to God for the blessings he named;
His beloved Ethel and the brothers and sisters that made his family
Are the spirit-gifts he would prayerfully appreciate and honor
As a Christian who witnessed to God's eternal love with humility.

A soldier in war, he is also a soldier in the life God offers him.
He accepts each challenge with the determination of a believer,
Trusting that God is in all things and sustains all Christ's folk,
Providing the angel miracles that guide and correct each traveler.

The warm smile of this gentle man's expression welcomes all,
Whether friend or new stranger, to the fellowship of his church,
As he ushers them into the worship experience he dearly loved,
And provides the warm hand clasp or hug of peace to all who search.

Cancer tried to defeat this tall man's spirit and demeanor.
But this man stands taller than any challenge or disease!
He stands in Christ his Redeemer with the deepest faith
That His Savior would win for him the victory and release!

A Gentleman's stand is the legacy he leaves this world forever.
Tommy Oakley leaves us memories of goodness and hope
That will walk us through grief's darkest shadows and valleys
To the truth of God and the peace in Jesus that help us cope!

His benediction is clear and should be joyfully raised!
"Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall shout God's praise!"

Dedicated to the Living Memory of James Thomas "Tommy" Oakley
January 15, 2001 by Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Friend

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
Board of Missions
22 January 2001

Chairman Louis Wilkins acknowledged the legitimacy of his re-election to continued leadership of the Board which took place at the December meeting when he was absent, vowing never to be absent again. He was assured, however, that he would have been reelected had he been present. It is hard to understand how it might be possible to function without him. Many of our members know almost everything, but Louis may be the only one who does know everything. The Board members are grateful to him. He expressed our welcome to the new members, Betty King and Robert Vick, and our thanks to those departing, Jane Alexander and Helen Rippy.

Helen Rippy will be replaced at the Pantry by Betty Walker. Helen said the shelves have been largely restocked as she recommended in December, but there continues to be need for paper products, tea, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, and most staple foods. She recommends putting labels on the shelves and clearing them of food, by appropriate giving to the needy, of course, every six months. The clearing will continue to be one of the many responsibilities of Pastor Arch, while Betty will be the new Keeper of the Pantry who will remind us of the needs and restock our gifts.

Betty Walker also volunteered to serve as Secretary, replacing our other departed member, Jane Alexander. New member, Betty King, agreed to see to the presentation of Mission Moments at worship services, and Marsh McLelland agreed to make them when requested to do so. Ellie Ketcham will continue to look after Special Children, and children whose parents sometimes need an evening off, at Special Fridays, as she has done for many years, along with attention to other special needs of our congregation.. Katherine Floyd, continuing beyond her regular term, will continue to collect special issue and commemorative postage stamps and discarded eyeglasses to raise money for impoverished 3rd World communities. And the Aitcheson family will continue to collect and distribute toys to Bosnian children, as long as Scott is there.

Marsh McLelland
For The Board

February 2001

CIRCLE 3 will meet **Tuesday, February 6th** at 11:30 a.m. in the SEEKER'S classroom.

"Remember the '*Parable of the Tale*
Testament? Christ exhorts us to be the
by developing our skills and abilities, b
all our tasks and endeavors. What be
can there be of capitalism?"

Lady
former Prime Minister of Great Britain in *IMPR*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL M. SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	**5** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Circle 2	**6** 11:30a Circle 3 Noon Communion	**7** 7:00p 8:00p
11 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL NELL SNYDER 584-6247	**12** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**13** Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG	**14** 7:00p 8:00p VALEN
18 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth 6:30p S. Conference Listening DEACON ON CALL ANN VICKERS 584-7896	**19** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**20** Noon Communion	**21** 7:00p 8:00p
25 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL SUE SHIPLEY 570-2500	**26** 7:00p Pack Meeting 7:00p Stephens Ministry	**27** Noon Communion	**28** 7:00p 8:00p

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	USHERS? ANY INTERESTED PERSONS interested in becoming ushers for Sunday worship services should please contact BILL RUTH for more information.	
1 Noon Communion	**2** 6:45p Special Fridays 7:00p Shelter Meal	**3**
8 Noon Communion	**9**	**10**
15 Noon Communion	**16**	**17**
22 Noon Communion	**23**	**24**

Don't forget to make your reservations for the

Valentine's Day Friendship Dinner!

Seatings are available at **5:30** and **7:15** on Wednesday, **February 14**. Call or come by the church office to make reservations, or buy your tickets after church on **February 4.** Proceeds will benefit Carolina Cross Connection and Habitat for Humanity.

Gladys Hughes expresses her appreciation for each lovely card, visits, flowers, and food during her illness.

January 6, 2001

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for another year's holiday gift. Your generosity toward your church staff each Christmas season is most appreciated by all of us. Getting a little extra money as a sign of your love and appreciation for us always encourages us to continue to do the best job we can for you.

In Christian love,
Betty Dillashaw

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALLOWING US TO USE YOUR PARISH HOUSE FOR OUR NATIONAL JAMBOREE TRAINING SESSION. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US USE YOUR BUILDING!!

FROM
TROOP 1604

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that helped throughout the year collating the Torch, bulletins, and reports. Your enthusiasm and helping hands make my job easier. Heartfelt appreciation for all that you do!!

Tina Wright-Wood

Dear Friends and Pastor,

You are truly a God sent church and you support your people in love. If it wasn't for you, we don't know what we would have done. As you know my husband Jay is on oxygen 24 hours a day and is disable and cannot work or do anything as myself. You were a blessing to see how many of you took the time to help someone else in need. They wouldn't let Miss Eva (mom) touch or do anything. They were all wonderful and worked so hard to get her back home. Brother John even sat on back of the truck waving by to Miss Eva laughing. We see Jesus through him and Dr. Andes, and all that has done so much for us, your love is felt through each person who helped in any way. As we watched each person we said a prayer for each and and asked God to bless them a hundred fold. We thank each of you so much. We said we wish we could pay each one, but they would not take it. We know the Lord will reward them in many ways because they are doing God's work as his servant, to be there for a friend in need. We are all called to do something. That is where we receive our blessings. Doing for others. God bless each of you and from our hearts with love to say Thank you again. We thank God for you all too!

Sincerely love and prayers,

Jay and Linda Privette

Eva McDaniel's, Son and Daughter

AS PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE FOR ALWAYS BEING SO WILLING TO HELP WITH PROVIDING A MEAL FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES. IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A WONDERFUL CARING CHURCH FAMILY.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MELVA FOSTER, SARA DODSON, EARL AND VERONA DANIELEY, HILDA OXFORD, AND EDITH BRANNOCK FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT.

THANK YOU,
JACKIE MATLOCK

Dear Church Family and Friends,

It's hard for me to begin to know how to say thank you for the support you gave us during Tommy's illness. The prayers, cards, food, phone calls were there from the beginning to the end.

Tommy loved his church and each of you. So I will simply say thank you, and may each of you be blessed on this day which God have given us.

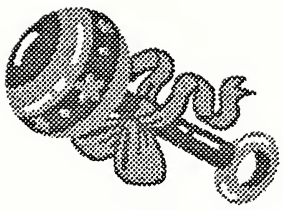
In Christian Love,
Ethel

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the exam bag. I enjoyed all of the goodies, especially the homemade cookies. Getting your package always remindes that I will soon be coming home. Merry Christmas.

In Him,
Marie Acquilano

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
James 1:17



Miranda Claire Rose was born November 16, 2000 to Brian and Cathy Rose of Greensboro, at Women's Hospital of Greensboro. Martin and Susan Rose, proud grandparents. Estelle and Stan Willard are the great-grandparents.

Dear Arch,
Thank you very much for everything that you an the church have done for me and for my mom and all that you continue to do not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. I am very grateful for that. Have a blessed and Happy New Year!!

Your friend,
Joe

DECEMBER, 2000

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,
I REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY AT THE HOLIDAYS. THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS. I AM BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT CARE ENOUGH TO THINK OF ME AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD AND GUIDE US ALL TO BE ALL THAT HE WILL HAVE US TO BE.

BE BLESSED,
TINA WRIGHT-WOOD

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)12 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 12/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	17,498.45	219,380.31	202,702.00	16,678.31+	202,702.00	214,768.60
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	980.00	10,990.00	13,300.00	2,310.00	13,300.00	13,935.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.00-
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	751.80	751.80	800.00	48.20	800.00	1,131.92
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	50.13	150.00	99.87	150.00	1,316.06
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	485.97-	2,134.00	.00	2,134.00+	.00	5,428.02
TOTAL Interest	53.39	576.17	500.00	76.17+	500.00	582.47
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	7,980.01
TOTAL INCOME	18,797.67	234,099.41	217,452.00	16,647.41+	217,452.00	245,127.08
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	564.00	1,662.00	.00	1,662.00+	.00	2,479.50
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	200.00	2,755.00	2,360.00	395.00+	2,360.00	3,045.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,287.00	10,650.00	10,900.00	250.00	10,900.00	15,459.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	1,254.73	2,470.00	1,215.27	2,470.00	3,124.24
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	223.56	3,130.44	3,225.00	94.56	3,225.00	9,445.85
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	738.89	300.00	438.89+	300.00	282.26
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	652.51	4,718.05	5,725.00	1,006.95	5,725.00	3,568.25
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	11,870.69	143,777.39	170,172.00	26,394.61	170,172.00	160,833.63
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	6,066.81	46,818.54	48,120.00	1,301.46	48,120.00	47,639.67
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	8,145.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,864.57	216,633.53	243,272.00	26,638.47	243,272.00	254,022.74
NET TOTALS	2,066.90-	17,465.88				8,895.66-

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UCC08
Attn: Pastor
Rev Archie B Aitchison
Elon College Community U C C
PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends,

Starting a new year is always a wonderful thing -- a time for reflection, for gratitude -- a time, in a sense, to start over again. Because of YOU, this first quarter of 2001 will be better for many who find themselves in serious need, even crisis. Thank you very much for your gift of $100.00 for our ministries.

Because we try to do so much with our five different ministries, our budget grows every year. Your gifts of money, your donations of various goods, and your volunteer time -- these all DO make a difference.

I know that it was easier and more "natural" to give during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, but people's needs just don't stop. We want to encourage your continued financial support as this new year unfolds. Most people's financial obligations and income are based on the time frame of a month. We appreciate those individuals and businesses and churches that have chosen to give on a monthly basis, in addition to some wonderful fund-raisers throughout the year. Please encourage others to follow your example.

Someone has said that "we shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. We should keep one hand free to throw something back." And Shakespeare wrote, "it is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely help another without helping himself." Thank you for caring about others even after the celebrations of the holidays are now over.

Ministering Christ's love with you in life changing ways,

Glenn A. T. McNiel, D.Min., Executive Director

P.S. - (1) Your gift is 100% tax deductible per tax laws and (2) We do not release the names/addresses of individual donors to other businesses or organizations.

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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for February
Feb 4 - Dr. and Mrs. Walstein Snyder
Feb 11 - Mrs. Clara Noah
Feb 18 - Dr. and Mrs. Barry Raker
Feb 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper

Ushers for February
Feb 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Feb 11 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry
Feb 18 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Feb 25 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for February
Feb 4 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Feb 11 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
Feb 18 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Feb 25 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for February
Feb 4 - Tom and Kathryn Clark
Feb 11 - Wally and Nell Snyder
Feb 18 - Rob Mayworth & Karen Huffman
Feb 25 - Ray and Cathy Covington

Bulletin Board Update for February
1st Week - Dave Turnage
2nd Week - Verona Danieley
4rd Week - Wally Snyder
4th Week - Rob Mayworth

Nursery for February
Feb 4 - Cile & Claire Welborn
Feb 11 - Carol and George Oakley
Feb 18 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Feb 25 - Eric and Melodie Allshouse

Liturgists for February
Feb 4 - Martin Shotzberger
Feb 11 - Barry Raker
Feb 18 - Bill Andes
Feb 25 - Beth Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for February
Feb 4 - Kim and Steve Perry
Feb 11 - Sue & Laura Brown
Feb 18 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver
Feb 25 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley

Church Attendance for
Jan 7 - 152
Jan 14 - 156
Jan 21 - 187
Jan 28 - 149

THE TORCH March 2001

From The Pastor . . .

Why am I a member of the United Church of Christ?
(I have asked myself that question many times in recent months!)
I am a member of this denomination because it best reflects the theological heritage, the prophetic vision and the open spirit of Christianity I can embrace as a follower of Jesus Christ.
The "gathering of Christ's people" in the U.C.C. is a wonderful blending of people from many different backgrounds and traditions.
Everyone is welcome at the table of our Lord, from birth until we reach the rich experience of ninety or more years. Race, gender, ethnic background, style of Baptism, and doctrinal requirements are not the measure of membership in the UCC. Understanding that we are imperfect followers of Jesus Christ, all are embraced in the fellowship of his church.
We are **free** in Christ, **from** judging others. We are **free to** love all persons and to welcome them into the embrace of the Christian family.
In the United Church of Christ we often find ourselves diverse in beliefs, traditions, practices and issues. We agree to disagree and to not let the differences keep us from working together toward the prayer of Jesus, ***That they all might be one!***
The "Church" beyond the local setting may take unpopular stances, forcing those of us to struggle with our own notions, practices, prejudices and traditions. We are free to do that and to still remain connected to the larger body. The healthy struggle helps us regain the central focus of the Gospel.
I love this church that is as large as our biggest congregations and as small as the smallest of rural parishes or new church starts.
This United Church of Christ is open to all persons and with the help of God's grace allows us all to be in fellowship and to minister for the sake of an inclusive Jesus Christ as we reach out to other lives.
That is why I belong.
I hope it is why you do, too!

Tom Small's Devotion . . . *As Pollen is Tossed About*

Then God said, "let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and the trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1: 11-12 NRSV)

As I look out my office window, I see God's nature bursting with life. Flowers are in bloom or on the verge. Their fragrance fills the air. Their pollen fills my eyes. Young leaves sway in the gentle breeze. The blanket of winter's rest has been discarded and we all feel alive again.

Some spring days the air is so saturated with pollen that one can see it, even taste it. The itchy nose and eyes are a small price to pay for the tremendous benefits of pollen floating in the air. Without pollen, plants would not produce their fruits and we would miss out on the sweet taste of spring. Think of springtime without a bowl of fresh strawberries. Makes you kind of sad, doesn't it? Think about a summer day without a juicy tomato sandwich. There goes the lunch plans and maybe even supper.

God created the plants to feed us. I dislike the itchy nose and eyes as much as anyone, but I can endure them because the pollen is just one step in God's life cycle for plants. We may dig the hole and drop the plants in the ground, but the LORD makes them grow and produce an abundant harvest. God wants to do the same in you and me. Nature has no choice. God set nature's rules in place when he called for the earth to produce vegetation. We have a choice. We can continue to live on our terms or we can allow God to create in us a clean heart (Psalm 51:10) and to make us a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), the image of the invisible God. (Colossians 5:17)

We all need to remember to thank God for all that he has created.
May the peace of Christ rest in your heart!

Tom Small Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

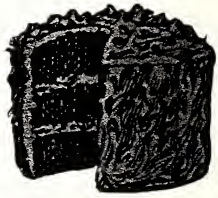
The

service Faire

Is Coming

And we're looking for a Committee!
Can you help with

Publicity
Record Keeping
Accounting
Set-up
Auctioneering
Food



If you are willing to help in any way, please come to an **Organizational Meeting**

Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.
In the Seekers Classroom

No experience needed — all skills welcome.
Minimum investment of time.

Be a part of something fun and satisfying.
Help make the 2001 Service Faire the best ever!

Liz Aitcheson and Linda Vogg, Co-Chairs

Ahhh, Summer!

The Beach...
The Playground...
The Pool...
The Long Days...
...and Oh, yes --
Vacation Bible School

Watch this space for a special announcement about VBS 2001.

The Christian Education Board
invites you to join
The annual Easter Egg Hunt
and
Blessing of the Baskets
Saturday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.
on the church lawn*

We need
Individually wrapped candy
Plastic Eggs
Light-hearted people to help

Bring the eggs and candy to the church office by April 8. More details in the April ***Torch***.

*In case of rain, we'll hold the hunt indoors.

Thank YOU

Our valentine's dinner was a wonderful event that raised funds for Habitat and for Carolina Cross Connection. Many thanks to the folks who came and ate all of the Chicken Marsala, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, and Cheese Cake! Many thanks to **our youth**! Fifteen of them showed up to wait tables, provide child care, greet guests and clean-up. Many thanks to **Linda Vogg** who helped Arch in the kitchen for two days, to **Laura Chatfield** who helped with serving and clean-up for both seating, to **Sue Brown** who ran errands and washed dishes, to **Bekah Davis,** who decorated the hall and tables, coordinated the reservations, etc. and to **Ed Marsh** who kept the youth on the ball as they served our guests and helped with clean-up. All of **YOU** made the Valentine's Event and made it all the more joyous for me!

Arch Aitcheson, Chef 2001

Those We Care About

Please add the names of the following persons to your weekly prayer list:

Juanita Loy hospitalized at ARMC in room 138

Lucille Stone in the death of her brother, **Willie Preston Cox**. Services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m at Mt Carmel United Methodist Church in Ruffin, NC (361 Mt. Carmel Church Road)

Visitation: Wilkerson Funeral Home, Ruffin 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday.

Zena Avidano - relative of Arch & Liz hospitalized in La Jolla, CA

Sammi - a friend going through medical tests

Events to Note

Saturday 2/17

2 pm - Memorial Service for Elon Student, Meagan Tripp (Sanctuary)

This Sunday 2/18

Worship at 8:30 am - 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

7:30 pm - Search Committee Resumes Meetings

Monday the Church Office Closed

Monday through Wednesday 2/19-21
Arch on Retreat

Tuesday 2/20
No Communion at Noon

Thursday 2/22
7:30 am Breakfast Bible Study continues (I Samuel 18)

Monday, February 26
Blue and Gold Banquet - Cubs at the Parish House!

Ash Wednesday February 28, 2001
Dispensing of Ashes and meditations on Ash Wednesday 7 pm to 7:30 pm.

Thursday, February 29, 2001
The Deacons Lenten Study begins! Have you signed up?

Sunday, March 4, 2001
UCC Regional Lenten Service - 3 pm at Union Chapel United Church of Christ (across from Union Ridge UCC). Let us show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the UCC by attending this service. Arch will lead one of the meditations on the seven last words and Darla Bray will share leadership for the choral music! Bring the whole family and invite friends!

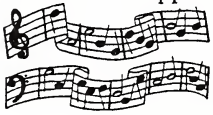
Sunday, March 18, 2001
St. Patrick's Day Traditional Dinner Fund Raiser!

Blessings to you and yours this week!

Arch

Veterans Van Fund Committee

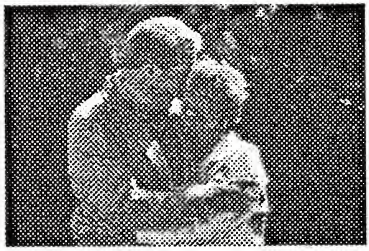
Did you know that Alamance County is home to over 11,000 veterans? Are you or someone you know a veteran withou transportation to your doctor appointments at teh VA Hospital? If you are your problem may soon be solved. A committee has been formed to raise $10,000 toward the purchase of a van through the DAV Colorado fund. The van will be assigned to the VAMC, Durham, NC for all maintenance, insurance and gasoline. Volunteers will be needed to drive the van. If you are interested in making a donation or supporting our fund raising efforts, please contact Phyllis Green or Brenda Perry at Alamance County Veterans Services. Phone 570-6763. You may send a check to the Veterans Van Fund, c/o A.J. Glass, 1106 Noah Road, Graham, NC 27253. We appreciate your support for our Veterans.



The Board of Trustees discussed two major projects at the February meeting. The first project involves replacing the existing sound system in the sanctuary with a state-of-the-art system. The system can be installed in two phases as finances permit. The system will consist of new speakers, microphones, amplifiers, and control unit. The second project involves refurbishing the playground located behind the Education Building. A consultant has informed us that the equipment does not meet safety codes and that it poses a serious liability for the church. The new playground will be a memorial to Rob Woody. Rob built the existing structures as a part of his Eagle Scout project.

We invite your financial support of these projects. Thank you.

The Board of Trustees
Jo Grimley, Chairman and Earl Danieley, Secretary



Have you invited a friend or neighbor to attend our church recently? This is a time-honored way to get new members into our church fellowship....

However, now the Board of Evangelism is seeking new ways and methods of increasing our membership while still emphasizing the persons to person contact that has worked so well for us over the years.

Increasing our membership will be the focus of the Board of Evangelism during this year. During a brain storming session at its last meeting, it was suggested that we need ways of advertising our church and and its outreach programs more effectively. We call upon ECCC members to help us by suggesting ways and means of accomplishing this goal. Rob Hayworth has had experience in advertising and has volunteered to receive any suggestions you may have to increase the focus of our church in this community. Please call him at 336-643-2987 with any ideas you may have to promote membership in our church.

Wally Snyder, Chairman and Verona Danieley, Secretary

Burlington Area United Church of Christ Community Worship Service

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First Sunday of Lent

March 4 ✝ *3:00 p.m.*

Union Chapel United Church of Christ

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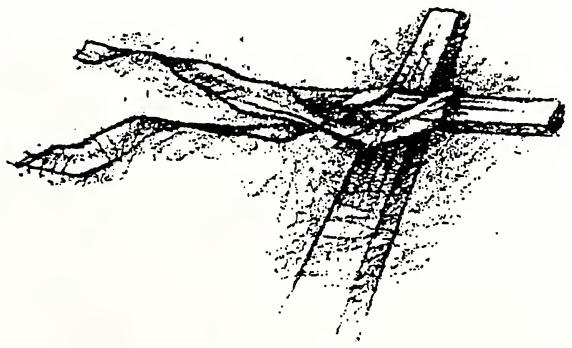
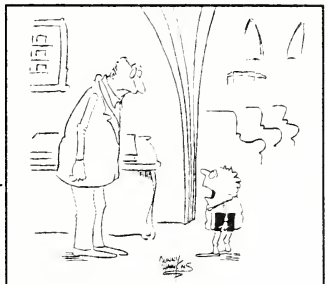
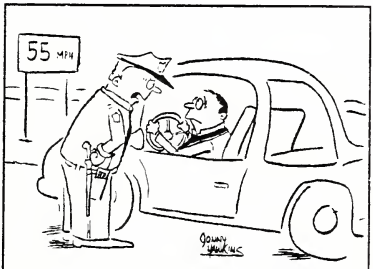
Theme:

The Seven Last Words from the Cross



March 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ANN ACQUILANO	**5** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**6** Noon Communion	**7** 7:00p 8:00p
11 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL STEVE PERRY	**12** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**13** Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG	**14** 7:00p 8:00p
18 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ANN VICKERS	**19** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**20** Noon Communion	**21** 7:00 8:00
25 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BILL RUTH	**26** 7:00p Pack Meeting 7:00p Stephens Ministry	**27** Noon Communion	**28** 7:00 8:00

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 "I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."
1 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**2** 6:45p Special Fridays 7:00p Shelter Meal/Youth	**3**
8 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**9**	**10**
15 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**16**	**17** Saint Patrick Day
22 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**23**	**24**
29 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**30**	**31**  "Where's the fire and brimstone?"

Visitation Committee?

Several members of the congregation have expressed an interest in forming a Visitation Committee. The purpose of the committee would b to make periodic vists to members and friends of the church, especially those who are unable to get out. If you would be interested in this ministry, please contact Bill Ruth (446-1136). We are just in the planning stages. If enough interest is expressed, we will have a planning meeting.
Please ask the Lord if this is something that He would lead you to do.

Lenten Study

The Board of Deacons is sponsoring a Lenten Study based on a book Max Lucado entitled "Six Hours One Friday". The cost of the book is approx. $6.00. The study will start on Thursday, March 1st and continue each Thursday for 6 weeks. The group will meet in the Library at 7pm. If you would like to participate, please call the church office and leave your name and the number of people attending Also, if you need transportation, please indicate that when you call.

"I'm glad that we've managed to adjust to one another's life-styles after ten years of married life Helen."

Hank Fowler (c)MMI

My sincere appreciation to our church family for the many expressions of care and concern during my recent surgery and present "home-bound" state. For the encouraging phone calls, cards and visits. For the beautiful plants and flowers. For the huggable teddy bear. For the gifts of food. For my sister's loving care. For the prayers that are seeing me successfully through this situation. I give thanks to God for such loving people.

Melva Foster

Dear Arch and Church members,
Cathy and I wish to thank you for the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown us during the recent loss of my father. The plants are beautiful; we are enjoying one in our home and the other in my office. Thank you, too, for your many kind words of encouragement as well as your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your continued support provides comfort and encouragement to us.

Fondly,
Mark and Cathy Rumley

Dear Arch & Tina and others,

Your gift of flowers in memory of my mother was truly appreciated. They arrived after the first full week of work (where life was supposed to be getting back to normal-but didn't feel normal at all) and brightened my day. Your kindness was a blessing.

Renee

The Athlete's Command

"Coach" was in charge of all that he could ever command
His realm included generations of athletes entrusted to him,
Who learned the skills and the art of whatever game at hand,
Taught by the skilled man, who always knew the best way to win!

Born into that solid and hard-working Pennsylvania German stock,
George Martin Shumar knew the rules of life's amazing game.
He would tackle the tough times and would never ever stop,
In the race he had to run as he put teaching above the thrill of fame!

He was the "Coach" who instilled the discipline and skills,
Which applied to more than football or baseball for those he knew.
His gruff demands, his sharp, determined attitude and stubborn will
Kept so many others surprised and focused, shown in the ways they grew.

George Shumar liked things kept clear and as basic as could be!
He took pride in family, in the Williamson Avenue home and yard;
His expectations were always high for those he loved so quietly,
Yet expectations were met providing the world with new "stars".

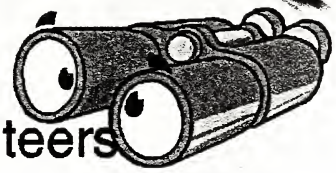
Whether giving pep talks at half time or to colleagues and friends,
"Coach" brought solid enthusiasm and encouragement to every team;
Whether on the field or at the bingo games toward his journey's end,
This hero, this coach and this Athlete commanded every scene.

The last play has been executed at the coach's faithful command;
An Eternal Coach gave George another team of family and friends
To guide and defend him as he raced toward the goal of every man,
To command the best and to attain the highest score at the game's end.

And, lest we get too sentimental for our loss in death's play,
He commands us to give our disciplined best in the game for today!

Dedicated to "Coach" George Martin Shumar (10/4/19 to 2/1/01)
by Arch Aitcheson, pastor and friend

WE'RE LOOKING



for a few good Volunteers
To teach Summer Sunday School

No experience necessary!

Sign up for only 1 Sunday --
no long-term commitment!

Lessons will be provided --
no complicated lesson planning

Invite a friend to teach with you --
no need to go it alone

For more information and to sign up, see Bekah Davis or call the church office.

Be part of something special at
Elon College Community Church
this summer

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
Board of Missions
11 February 2001

Our new Proprietor of the Pantry, Betty Walker, also Secretary of the Board, having conferred with Pastor Arch, reported a list of present Pantry needs:

Canned potatoes	Canned mixed vegetables	Tooth brushes
Canned yams	Canned tuna	Tooth paste
Canned carrots	Evaporated milk	Toilet tissue
Canned fruit	Boxes macaroni & cheese	Shampoo and bar soap
Canned tomatoes	All kinds of soups	Dish washer detergent
Canned tomato paste	Saltine crackers	Laundry detergent
Jars of tomato sauce	Peanut butter	

Please place gifts in the grocery basket in the Narthex until the shelves are fully restocked. Betty and Arch and all the beneficiaries of your generosity will be grateful to you.

Ellie Ketcham presented the 2001 assignments for our church's participation in the Allied Churches Of Alamance County Emergency Night Shelter Program on the first Friday of each month, and the instructions for serving the suppers:

First Friday	Group	Contact Person
January 5th	Board of Missions	Louis Wilkins 584-0755
February 2nd	Volunteers	Ellie Ketcham 584-7255
March 2nd	Youth	Ed Marsh 585-1979
April 6th	Choir	Sue Shipley 570-2500
May 4th	Board of Christian Ed	Marcey Katterman 221-0669
June 1st	Adult Forum Sun Schl	Liz Aitcheson 449-5322
July 6th	Board of Evangelism	Wally Snyder 584-6247
August 3rd	Circle 1 and Friends	Hilda and Ralph Oxford 584-6630
September 7th	Board of Deacons	Nell Snyder 584-6247
October 5th	Circle 2	Katherine Floyd 538-0308
November 2nd	Seekers Sun Schl Class	Louis Wilkins 584-0755
December 7th	Board of Trustees	Earl Danieley 584-0646

There are some changes in last year's instructions for serving suppers and they are in boldface below:

1 Prepare food for about **50 people.**
2 Simple is fine (soup, sandwiches, chips, fruit, sweets).
3 Provide about 4 volunteers to serve the meal.
4 Bring 2 gallons of milk.
5 Use dishwasher proof plates, cups and flatware that are provided (please refrain from filling ACAC dumpster with disposables).
6 Any food not consumed at suppertime may be left at ACAC for the Good Shepherd Kitchen to be prepared and served for the next noon meal.
7 Sweet tea and hot coffee is prepared by ACAC.
8 Also bring (if you wish) hot sauce (Texas Pete), dishwasher detergent, cold cereal, toilet tissue, tea bags, coffee, sugar, non-dairy creamer.
9 Stove burners are available in the shelter kitchen to warm soup, etc. **And NOW a small oven is available to warm dishes which are not too big. Oven dishes still need to be fully cooked at home, and warm.**
10 Arrive at 206 North Fisher Street by **7:00 PM**. Shelter guests are available to help carry items from your car to the shelter kitchen if needed. The shelter manager on duty will assist you.
11 Offer to say the blessing when ready to serve.

Thank you! Each group! For helping with this ministry!!! Says Ellie.

George Troxler declined to accept last month's nomination to serve as coodinator of Crop Walk. Chairman Louis Wilkins will present Mission Moments at worship services, however, Kathy Covington will discuss with Pastor Aitcheson the presentation of a Mission Moment in the near future concerning Church support for children with medical needs.

Ellie Ketcham has prepared and placed in the Narthex a photographic display of the Special Fridays program which she continues to administer, and she invites your inspection.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

Celebration of Life for
Norma Ethel Matlock

August 13, 1906 to February 16, 2001

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor

Norma

Bright, tall spirit of womanhood and reflection of youthful grace,
We honor your ninety-four years, remembering the smile upon your face.
Holder of clear opinion, feisty female, and educated, curious learner,
We remember the idiosyncracies of your personality, ever so clever.
The love of reading and the wanderlust spirit of new travel horizons,
Combined with the insight and interests sharpened by Elon's education,
Created the experiences of a lifetime that would be forever lived and kept.
As you, dear Norma, went into a modern world with determined steps.
You excelled in spelling competitions in Twin Lakes and at Jamestown.
You devoted thirty-five years at Carolina Biological with great renown
For the homemade "fool-proof" fudge and candy shared with delight.
You were proud of your stature and your eyes shone with youthful light.
A faithful companion to an aging mother and a second mother to a niece,
You extended your love in the joy of family and friends who teased.
You wanted to be young throughout your many well deserved years;
Watching for the first sign of a wrinkle or age spot brought you to tears.
Neatly ironed clothes that were coordinated and carefully designed
Presented you with the stunning image of one who always looked so fine.
Teacher, friend, daughter, sister and aunt, you lived every single role,
Touching the lives of your family deeply before death took it's toll.
And now you stand, again, before the Creator who made you so tall,
finding blessings in the realm of Saints, answering God's final call.
Norma, you have given much in all your years and you surely know,
As the memories in our minds and hearts are held and forever grow,
We have been blessed by your presence by the gift from God above,
Who offers you and each one of us in Christ Eternity's deepest love.

Dedicated to the Memory of Norma Matlock
February 18, 2001
Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Friend

TREASURER'S REPORT 1/31/01

;ENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 1/31/01	Budget to date 1/31/01	Year to Date
ıcome	$256,657.50	$21,388.13	$20,526.12	$21,388.15	($862.03)
.xpenses	$214,426.00	$17,868.83	$17,038.85	$17,592.06	($553.21)
)eficit( )	$42,231.50	$3,519.29	**$3,487.27**	$3,796.09	

unds on hand	1/31/01	Funds on hand	12/31/00
'hecking 1ST State	$24,637.46	Checking 1ST State	$22,385.99
otal	$24,637.46	Total	$22,385.99
)esignated/Liabilities	$23,367.56	Designated/Liabilities	$24,603.36
.ctual on hand	$1,269.90	Actual on hand	($2,217.37)
.eserve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,081.90
ld Fund Loan	$0.00	Bld Fund Loan	$0.00
fet Available	**$12,351.80**	Net Available	**$8,864.53**

BLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

CWM	$830.00
HRISTAN COUNSL	$100.00
OUPER BOWL	$64.92
ISC OFFERING	$20.00
TOTAL NOT PAID:	$1,014.92

UILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	1/31/01		
uilding Fund	$10,600.66	Checking	$437.56
apital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$58,995.03
teeple Repair Fund	($4,536.67)	Certificate of Deposit	$11,807.89
ew Fellowship Bld	$11,375.56		
nterest Received	$4,966.04	Total	$71,240.48
terest Paid	($4,305.00)		
ther Memorials	$51,180.40	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$71,240.48**	Net Available	**$71,240.48**

otes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

Elon College Community Church
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email: eccc-ucc@mindspring.com
(336) 584-0391

To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for MARCH
Mar 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barbee
Mar 11 - Ms. Melva Foster & Ms. Sara Dobson
Mar 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williamson
Mar 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock

Ushers for MARCH
Mar 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Mar 11 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry
Mar 18 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Mar 25 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for MARCH
Mar 4 - Jeff Wilkins/Zach Welborn
Mar 11 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Mar 18 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
Mar 25 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for MARCH
Mar 4 - Lou & Ken Harper
Mar 11 - Heidi & Mark Danieley
Mar 18 - Mary & Bill Ruth
Mar 25 - Linda & Barry Raker

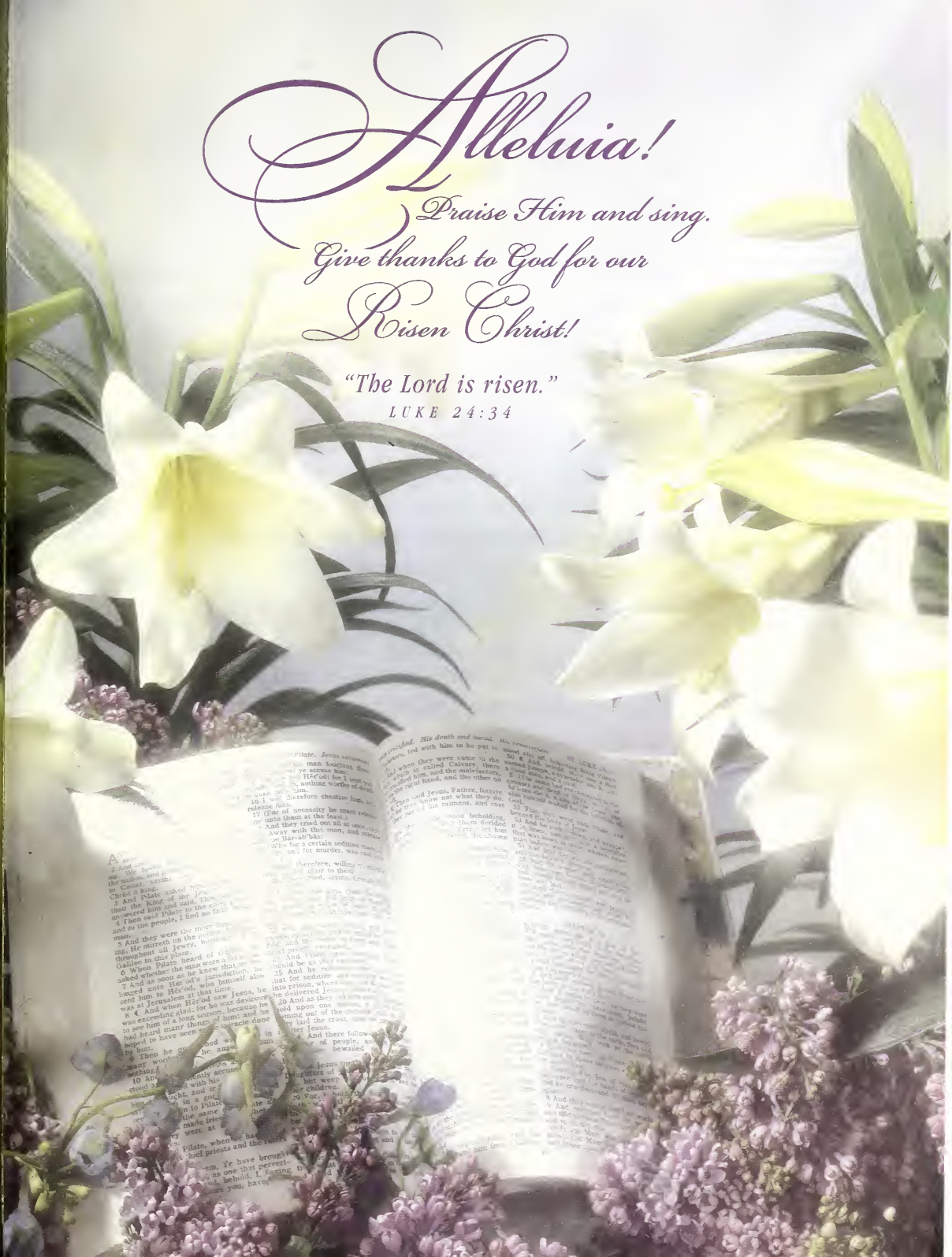
Bulletin Board Update for MARCH
1st Week - Turnage
2nd Week - Danieley
3rd Week - Menikheim
4th Week - Clark

Nursery for MARCH
Mar 4 - Earl & Verona Danieley
Mar 11 - Ann Aquilano/Beth Wilkins
Mar 18 - Lynn Denny/Gertrude Liscum
Mar 25 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson

Liturgists for MARCH
Mar 4 - Bill Ruth
Mar 11 - Ray Harclerode
Mar 18 - Lois Luke
Mar 25 - Jo Grimley

Second Hour Child Care for MARCH
Mar 4 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
Mar 11 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
Mar 18 - Katrina Chappell
Mar 25 - Marie & Anna Wilkins

Church Attendance for
Feb 4 - 167
Feb 11 - 217
Feb 18 - 141
Feb 25 - 167


Alleluia!
Praise Him and sing.
Give thanks to God for our
Risen Christ!
"The Lord is risen."
LUKE 24:34

From the Pastor . . .

Deafening silence and darkening solitude fill the dank atmo
Entombed teacher and hope-dashed Savior sleeps in linen cl
Dreaming away the terror-laden memories of the pain of a c
Cowardly and faithless disciples entomb themselves in the r
High above the commotion of blood-thirsty and vengeful cr
Whispering holiness drifts like a gentle morning fog over th

Questions haunt the minds of those who fear the finality of
The whys, the denials, the anger and the tomb of depression
Strangle those who sob in sorrow and cry out with chaotic te
Numbed men and women, who followed and cherished his
Form into fetal positions trying to insulate themselves from
While gentle winds of Spirit blow and transform all that was

Sounds of birds awaken the dead and the spiritually devastat
The tomb's enclosure bursts from the impact of a mighty lig
"Rise up! Rise up!" the Almighty proclaims without speakin
Savior opens eyes and breathes the spirit of ever lasting life,
Standing, moving, glowing, loving in one last set of appeara
He lives! His living removes doubt and fear and redesigns h

Easter comes in the sacred silence of the new revolution and
With others we uncurl from our tombs of doubt to embrace j
The prayer of the day proclaims our lot: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

May this Easter become your alleluia!

April Devotion from Tom Small . . .

We Are All Sinners

. . . since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3: 23-24 NRSV)

Do you ever feel as though you can do nothing right? No one is perfect. We all have our limitations, but that should not lessen our joy. We were all created for God's purpose. All of us, no matter our age or abilities, have a part to fulfill.

The Apostle **Peter denied Christ three times and wept because he thought of himself as a failure.**(Matthew 26: 69-75) Thank God, Peter was not written off by our LORD.(John 21: 15-19) Rest assured that the LORD has forgotten no one. No matter what not written off by our LORD. we have done or failed to do, God loves us and wants us to remember that **grace is sufficient to cover all of our sins**. (Romans 5:20).

Tell God about your failures. Confess your sins to the LORD. Not that God needs to be reminded of them or that we need to relive the pain, but by offering our sins to God in prayer we have the assurance that eternal grace through Jesus Christ will cleanse our hearts. Male Jesus LORD over every aspect of your life and be perfected by Him.

May You Know the Peace of Forgiveness Through Jesus Christ.

Tom Small
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

It's Coming

Easter and Holy Week Services . . . .

PALM SUNDAY (4/8)	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Service
	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary Worship & Soup Supper . . . .
HOLY TUESDAY(4/10)	12 Noon	Prayer and Holy Communion
MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/12)	7 p.m.	The Last Supper
GOOD FRIDAY (4/13)	7 p.m.	Candlelight Service of Prayer
EASTER (4/15)	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service and Coffee (Front Lawn of the Church)
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Easter Serv.
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Service
	NO 5:30 SERVICE	

Arch needs YOU!

If **you** would like to help with any of our special Holy Week and Easter services, Arch can find you a spot. He needs ***readers, guitarists, drummers, pianists, bakers, actors and singers!***

Call him at 584-0391 or 449-5322 or E-mail him at lizandarch@mindspring.com. *Call TODAY!*

Thanks!

WOODY PLAYGROUND

The Playground Committee is at work to replace unsafe equipment wi
approved equipment on the playground that is in memory of Rob Woo
The playground has served for several years and with the new equipme
should continue to serve in Rob's memory for many years to come.

earch Committee Update . . .

e process has begun . . . again!

ur Search Committee members have all committed themselves to the work of iewing ministerial profiles, telephone interviews, on site interviews and, hopefully, recommendation of a candidate for the Associate Position.

e process began with a new advertisement in the UCC Employment Opportunities ing and with the help of the Eastern North Carolina Association office which sends files to us.

ep the Committee in your prayers!

Exam Goodie Bag Time is Here!

Please Bring the following items to Worship on Sundays
or to the Church Office during the Week:

Bags of Wrapped Candies
Microwave Popcorn
Packets of Coffee or Hot Chocolate Mix
Tea Bags
Cheese/Peanut Butter Crakers
Packaged gum
Life Savers and Mini Candy Bars
HOMEMADE COOKIES!!!!
All items are needed by April 29, 2001

Exam bags will be assembled on May 6, 2001
WE NEED YOU TO HELP DELIVER THE BAGS TO THE ELON CAMPUS ON MAY 6 - 8!
Please telephone WALLY SNYDER (584-6247) if you can help us!

It's Coming

Authentic Worship in a Changing World - What's Next?

"What we need around here are some young folks!" an older member of the church stated with conviction. Several of us who attended a one-day leadership training event at St. Mark's Reformed Church remember that member's words. We also learned from Dr. Robert Webber of the Institute for Worship Studies that most folks who make that comment want the young folks to come without changing any part of our worship traditions or congregational styles.

"If the old hymns and worship traditions were good enough for me all these years, then they should be good enough for the generations that follow!" is the tone of many current church members.

When we looked at Elon College Community Church we discovered that the largest portion of our membership are from the *Booster Generation* (born before 1945). The next group (much smaller in number) comes from the *Boomer Generation* (born after 1945). Smaller yet is the *Buster Generation* (born after 1961) and the *Younger Buster Generation* (born after 1971). Last and LEAST is the *Millennial Generation* (born after 1981) and their children.

To this point in history our energy has centered upon maintaining the traditions that are pleasing to the "Boosters". After all they are the majority! Some attempts have been made to bring the "Boomers" into the picture by some *modern* (say that in a whisper, please!) music and worship forms. Boomers have not embraced institutions like their parent's generation . . . perhaps because they saw them as unchanging. The Busters have embraced "contemporary" and "New Age" traditions and music and have gone to those churches who can entertain them.

The newest generation, however, is looking for a new, post modern style of worship and spirituality that is quiet, prayerful, scripture-based and sacramental. They find spiritual nurture in the music of the Taizé Faith Community in France, the chants of the early church and the quiet candle light worship that allows for quiet prayer and the regular participation in Holy Communion.

The challenge here at Elon is meeting all of these needs in hopes of providing a ministry that makes all ages feel welcome. We are in a time of transition. One by one many of our Booster generation are becoming less active or are dying. Boomers are showing up later in life, searching for the spiritual filling the world has failed to

rovide. With contemporary Youth programming and worship experiences we are ying to reach the Millennial generation.

Transitions and change are always difficult for the human family.

They are necessary for growth, however.

Change helps us to grow as individuals and as communities.

You will notice a few *gentle* changes in worship in the months ahead. It is oped that each generation will embrace them as they come and welcome generations eyond their own to experience the deep love of God, the awesome gift of Jesus hrist and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

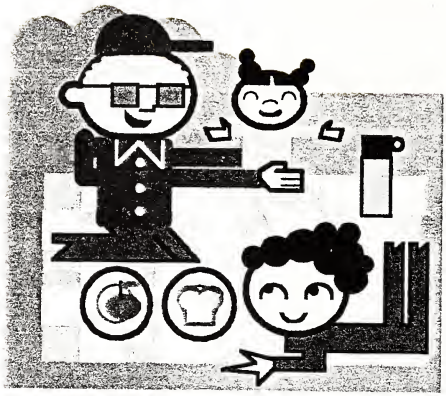
Our Mission Statement, after all, proclaims that we are "*Living Christ in oday's World!*"

Survey about Worship (from 176 "Twenty-somethings"*)

op 10 Very Important to Me	**Top 10 Important to Me**
ncounter with God	Silence in Worship
epth/Substance in Worship	More Contemplative
lore frequent Communion	Experience of Community
xperience of Community	Challenging Preaching
Vorship with the senses	Hospitality
articipatory Worship	Participatory Worship
hallenging Sermons	More frequent Communion
lore Use of Scripture	More hymns
lore Contemplative	Flow in Worship
xperience of Transcendence	More Scripture
op 10 Neutral to Me	**Top 10 Unimportant to Me**
horuses	Contemporary Worship (Boomer/Busters)
Vorship Teams	Bands
lymns	Choirs
ncient Prayers	Organ
iano	Guitar
enses	Percussion
rgan	Worship Teams
ilence	Relational Space
hoirs	Keyboards
low in Worship	Entertainment Worship

(*From 38 states, 41 denominations, and 14 Countries!)

It's Coming



It'll be

A CHURCH FAMIL
PICNIC

Sunday, May 20

Watch this space for det

February 19, 2001

Dear Arch,

Please share my appreciation with your well prepared
willing to share folks present Sunday evening.

The feedback was thorough and detailed and is a subs
addition to that we currently have and will gather in the nex
days.

Permit me to add my encouragement to the active wors
and missions of Elon College Community UCC.

Shalom!

Dale

ENDOWMENT FUND

At the Annual Meeting in January, the congregation voted to establish an ENDOWMENT FUND. Members of the Endowment Fund Committee will be elected at the next meeting of the Church Council. In the meantime, memorial gifts and other gifts to t permanent funds of the Church may be designated for the Endowm Fund. Earnings from the fund may be expended but the principa the Endowment Fund will be invested and will not be expended.

SOUND SYSTEM

The Board of Trustees is considering the purchase and installat of a new, state-of-the-art sound system for the sanctuary. The present system is outdated and inadequate. The new system will make it possible for worshippers to hear the service in any par the sanctuary. You may wish to contribute toward this project. Remember to designate any such gifts to "Sound System."

An Easy Easter Idea

for your family

Jesus is Risen Rolls

To help children understand the meaning of Christ's empty tomb, make this fun and tasty treat.

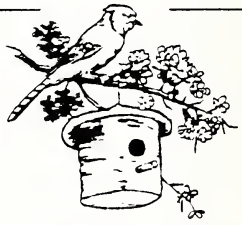
Supplies: 1 can refrigerated breadstick dough
Large marshmallows
Spray margarine
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
Baking sheet
Wire rack

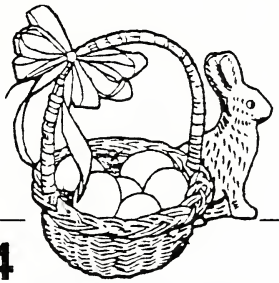
Directions: Knead and press each breadstick into a flat circle. Place a marshmallow in the center of the circle and pinch the dough around the marshmallow. roll the marshmallow-filled rolls into a round ball. Spray the rolls with margarine. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle the rolls with the mixture. Place the rolls on a baking sheet with the pinched edges down. Bake the rolls at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until brown. Cool on a wire rack.

While the rolls bake, tell the Easter story. Then pray, thanking Jesus for taking our place on the cross. Then enjoy a tasty Easter treat as you celebrate that Christ's tomb was hollow, just as these rolls are hollow.

It's Coming

April 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
1 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ROBERTA STARR 584-9921	**2** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**3** Noon Communion 7:30p Circle 3	**4** 7:00 8:00
8 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday Sc. 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship & Soup Supper 6:00p Youth 6:30p Church Nite DEACON ON CALL M.SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	**9** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**10** Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG	**1** 7:00 8:00
15 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Svc 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL SUE SHIPLEY 570-2500 *EASTER*	**16** *EASTER MONDAY* *CHURCH OFFICE* *CLOSED* 7:00p Cub Scouts	**17** Noon Communion	**1** 7:00 8:00
22 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BILL RUTH 446-1136	**23** 7:00p Pack Meeting 7:00p Stephens Ministry	**24** Noon Communion	**2** 7:00 8:00
29 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 4:30p VBS Meeting 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL NELL SNYDER 584-6247	**30** 7:00p Cub Scouts		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion 7:00p Lenten Service	**6** 6:45p Special Fridays 7:00p Shelter Meal/Choir	**7** 
12 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion 7:00p Last Supper ***MAUDY THURSDAY***	**13** 7:00p Candlelight Svc of Praver ***GOOD FRIDAY***	**14** 11:00a Blessing of the Baskets/ Easter Egg Hunt
19 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**20**	**21**
26 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**27**	**28**

It's Coming

Calling All Kids

Join us for the annual
Easter Egg Hunt
and
Blessing of the Baskets
Saturday, April 14
11 a.m.
on the Church lawn

*In case of rain, the Hunt will be held indoors

Event sponsored by the CE Board

It's time to think about

Vacation Bible School

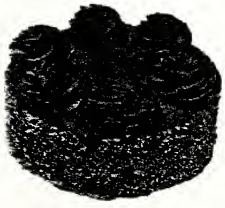
This year, VBS will be a 1-day event on a Saturday in July. If you would like to help out, please come to an organizational meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Curriculum will be provided.
Minimum investment of time.
A golden opportunity to be a part of a child's happy church experience.

For more information, contact Bekah Davis at the church office 584-0391

It's the *Service Faire!*

Coming November 3, 2001



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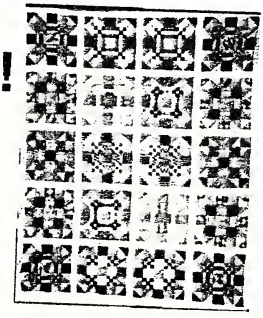

Elon College's Habitat for Humanity Presents

Senior Prom~ Starry Night

Date: Friday, April 6, 2001

Time: 6:30-9:30PM

Don't forget your dream date and your dancing shoes as "The Reflections" take care of the rest!

Age: 50+

Beverages and small snacks provided.

$35 per couple

$20 individual

Located in McKinnon Hall on Elon College's campus

Please contact Chaplain McBride's office at 278-7729 for ticket order and information.

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
Board Of Missions
11 March 2001

We lacked a quorum so it seems just as well that we ad no serious business to transact. Chairman Louis ilkins brought to our attention several matters of eneral interest, however, and the one most nearly ffecting the Board of Missions is the illness of Ellie etcham. She is hospitalized at Duke Hospital and is cheduled for surgery in the near future but is expected o return home until the time for that is set. Ellie oes so many things that her absence will be felt, and ore importantly, we will miss her sunny smile and neerful demeanor. It is our hope and prayer that her ecovery will be rapid and complete.

Betty Walker reported that the pantry shelves are ot completely stocked, that all items on the list ublished in the Torch last month are needed, but those ost needed are the last three: Shampoo and bar soap, lswasher detergent and Laundry detergent.

Katherine Floyd is still collecting postage stamps, oth cancelled and new, for sale to dealers who sell to ollectors, with the proceeds going to help feed the ungry of the world. She has a new catalog listing what ealers will pay for a wide variety of stamps, domestic a d foreign. Her success as a collector for dealers is s ch that she ranks in the front tier of fund raisers f r Church World Service and other agencies engaged in h lping feed the poor.

Katherine also collects used spectacles that would o herwise be discarded. These are recycled for use by t e poor of the world. Whatever the prescriptions may b , there are many whose poor eyes will fit them.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

To: The Mission Board at Elon College Community Church
From: Richard McBride, Chaplain

Thank you for the generous donation to the Chaplain's Office at Elon. We finally decided (my apologies in the delay of this note) to use the money toward a Spiritual Pilgrimage Retreat. Chaplain McBride, Juliane Kallman and David Blackman will lead the retreat in March, and I'm sending the note to Arch to share with students attending ECCC.

Your continued support nad outreach students is greatly appreciated.

Rene' Summers
Secretary, Religous Life Office

MARCH 12, 2001

DEAR FRIENDS OF ECC-UCC:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS, IN CONSULTATION WITH PASTOR ARCH, HAVE CONCLUDE TO WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE EARLY EVENING SUNDAY WORSHIPS. AS YOU KNOW UPON INITIATIVE OF OUR PASTOR, THE WORSHIP PROGRAM IS INNOVATIVE AND DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO NON-TRADITIONAL WORSHIPERS WITH NUMEROUS FORMS OF THE ARTS (MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCE AND POETRY) EMPHASIZED. THE SERVICE IS HELD AT 5:30PM EACH SUNDAY. IT HAS MET WITH SUCCESS!!

WE, OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS, PROPOSED THE BROADER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP JOIN IN PROVIDING PERHAPS ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, A SIMPLE MEAL FOR THE DOZEN, OR SO, WHO FIND THIS SERVICE HELPFUL AND REWARDING. IT WOULD LIKELY TAKE 2 OR 3 PEOPLE TO PROVIDE THIS MEALS; PERHAPS SANDWICHES, FINGER FOOD, DRINKS AND LIGHT DESSERTS. INTERESTED?? WE PRAY SO!! PLEASE CALL BILL RUTH CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS, WHO HAS GENEROUSLY AGREED TO COORDINATE THIS SERVICE, AT 336-446-1136 OR YOU MAY EMAIL HIM AT BILLMARY*ELON.EDU.

YOUR SERVANT,
MARTIN SHOTZBERGER

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, . . . Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you."
MATTHEW 6:25 FF (NRSV)

Let Go of the Need to Create the World in Our Own Image

ANGELA BALFOUR

Global Ministries missionary Angela Balfour serves in the office of the General Secretary of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. She shares a learning from her early weeks there.

"Since I've been in the Republic of South Africa, I have had the opportunity to meet more than my fair share of truly wonderful people who have gone out of their way to make me feel not just comfortable, but wanted. African hospitality is alive and well in the RSA. What I've found most interesting, and the lesson that God continually teaches me through the process of acclimatization, is that everything has its season."

"When I first arrived, I was incredibly frustrated because I wanted everything to happen at once. I wanted my apartment so that I wouldn't have to live with someone else; my car so that I could get around on my own and wouldn't have to depend on anyone; my furniture so that I could create what I felt was comfortable living space, my job description. . . ."

"One by one, I got the things I was looking for, but in the process I learned a lesson about letting go and trusting God. It took a month for me to find an apartment, but when I did it was everything I wanted with a few extras. . . . It took a month and a half to get a car, but in the process I was able to get to know both my supervisor and the office administrator better through our conversations during the morning drive. . . . What a joy it is to be able to let go of the need to create the world in our image and to open ourselves to the blessings of the world God has already created."

"Life is about the journey, not the destination, and that journey is made meaningful by our willingness to be open to God's blessings that come in odd ways and different times and through the grace of the people he places in our lives."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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Conference News . . . .

Raymond Hargrove Resigns As Associate Conference Minister

Raymond Hargrove has resigned as Associate Conference Minister for Eastern North Carolina. The popular minister submitted his resignation the end of January. Following is his letter to the Interim Conference Minister, the Reverend Dr. Herman Haller:

January 29, 2001

Dear Herman,

For several months now I have been prayerfully seeking God's guidance regarding whether or not the time has come for me to consider new employment opportunities. I am writing this letter, after much intensive soul searching, to resign as the Association Conference Minister for the Eastern North Carolina Association.

It has been a blessing as well as a challenge to serve the churches of this Association. The ENCA is probably one of the most unique places in the entire United church of Christ to be in ministry. That uniqueness is often the source of both the blessings and challenges of this ministry. However, given where I am both personally and professionally, I feel that the time has come for me to move in a different direction.

Please know that I am painfully aware of the implications and unfortunate timing of this decision. That is my one true regret but I am sure that God's plan for my life and this Association will be fulfilled.

My prayers are with you, other staff, and the churches of this Conference. I am eternally grateful for your support as well as that of my outstanding staff colleagues (whose friendships I shall cherish forever), clergy and congregations of the Eastern North Carolina Association.

Peace and grace to each of you!

Sincerely,

Raymond Hargrove

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Keep Raymond and
family in your pray

SC Annual Meeting June 14-16 At Elon

Mark your calendars for the Southern Conference Annual Meeting June 14-16 at Elon University.

Theme: Renewal in Christ.

Come to the Annual Meeting with expectation for:

Report and Proposal from the Self-Study Committee.

Uplifting Worship with leadership from area clergy and laity, as well as Youth leadership.

Dynamic Preaching from Steve Camp, Associate Executive Minister for Local Church Ministries, United Church of Christ.

Arch

An opportunity to meet and
with Dale Bishop, Executive M
for Wider Church Ministries,
Church of Christ.

Exciting music from a Mass C
Fun Youth and Children's Prog
FELLOWSHIP.
RENEWAL of body, mind and
Warm hospitality.

Make plans now to join the E
North Carolina Association as w
the 36th Annual Gathering o
Southern Conference of the U
Church of Christ.

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of February 28, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
evenues						
INCOME	$23,414.28	$42,654.28	$40,580.44	$2,073.84	$243,482.50	$36,753.96
RENTAL INCOME	$471.90	$1,461.90	$1,950.02	($488.12)	$11,700.00	$990.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$0.00	$133.34	($133.34)	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$12.50	($12.50)	$75.00	$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$30.00	$114.92	$0.00	$114.92	$0.00	$774.97
Interest	$0.00	$211.20	$100.00	$111.20	$600.00	$377.94
Misc. Income Accts	$495.87	$495.87	$0.00	$495.87	$0.00	$0.00
Total Revenues	$24,412.05	$44,938.17	$42,776.30	$2,161.87	$256,657.50	$38,896.87
penses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$600.00	$600.00	$700.00	($100.00)	$3,345.00	$80.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,666.00	$1,666.00	$1,660.00	$6.00	$10,850.00	$1,666.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$103.64	$103.64	$307.10	($203.46)	$2,270.00	$100.00
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$0.00	$175.00	$769.16	($594.16)	$3,225.00	$0.00
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$533.45	$533.45	$33.20	$500.25	$200.00	$0.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$0.00	$232.00	$1,124.38	($892.38)	$6,875.00	$380.81
ALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$4,623.94	$4,625.34	($1.40)	$27,752.00	$4,438.78
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$4,212.11	$3,953.84	$258.27	$23,725.00	$3,193.60
Pastor I Staff	$5,032.75	$11,551.73	$11,077.36	$474.37	$66,639.00	$9,287.53
CE/Program Staff II	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,309.32
Custodial Services I	$366.44	$802.21	$1,112.50	($310.29)	$6,675.00	$834.47
Custodial Services II	$298.74	$653.99	$904.34	($250.35)	$5,426.00	$678.98
Child Care Services	$112.05	$211.65	$202.84	$8.81	$1,217.00	$145.34
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Temporary CE Staff	$505.96	$861.21	$717.82	$143.39	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$10,614.72	$22,916.84	$22,594.04	$322.80	$135,741.00	$23,888.02
acility Operation Exp.	$3,911.36	$8,241.09	$7,605.74	$635.35	$51,920.00	$7,414.60
lisc Expense Accts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$750.00
tal Expenses	$17,429.17	$34,468.02	$34,793.62	($325.60)	$214,426.00	$34,279.43
Net Total:	$6,982.88	$10,470.15	$7,982.68	$2,487.47	$42,231.50	$4,617.44

Youth Sunday

Is April 29

The youth group is in charge of the 11:00 worship service—leading everything from ushering to singing. Join us to be ministered to by these special young people!

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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our APRIL 2001 Sunday Services

FLOWERS
Apr 1 - Mrs. Marie Wilkins
Apr 8 - Mr. Robert Kittenger
Apr 15 - Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass
Apr 22 - Mrs. Evelyn Terrell
Apr 29 - Mrs. Vera Dixon

USHERS
Apr 1 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Apr 8 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley
Apr 15 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Apr 22 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Apr 29 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Bill Ruth

ACOLYTES
Apr 1 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Apr 8 - Zach Welborn
Apr 15 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Apr 22 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
Apr 29 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

GREETERS
Apr 1 - Jim and Lorene Lyon
Apr 8 - Earl and Verona Danieley
Apr 15 - John and Dolores Truitt
Apr 22 - Helmut and Linda Vogg
Apr 29 - Jesse and Michael Chatfield

NURSERY
4/1 - Maxine and Miranda Rich
4/8 - Olga Griswold
4/15 - Kathryn Clark/Roxanne Hummel
4/22 - Lou Harper/Laurie Lambert
4/29 - Ray and Bernice Harclerode

SECOND HOUR CHILDCARE
4/1 - Louis and Beth Wilkins
4/8 - Ann Acquilano/Karen Huffman
4/15 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
4/22 - David and Christy Ruth
4/29 - Steve and Kim Perry

BULLETIN BOARD UPDATE
1st Week - Turnage
2nd Week - Danieley
3rd Week - Huffman/Mayworth
4th Week - Snyder
5th Week - Turnage

LITURGISTS
Apr 1 - Nell Snyder
Apr 8 - Marie Wilkins
Apr 15 - Ed Marsh
Apr 22 - Bekah Davis
Apr 29 - Mollie Lambert

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
Mar 4 - 143
Mar 11 - 212
Mar 18 - 148
Mar 25 - 139

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The TORCH
May 2001

"A MOTHERS LOVE"

A Mothers Love will stand alone, when everyone else is gone
Through sleepless nights, and many tears, yet she sees a new day dawn
Her children are the world to her, for them she gives her ALL
She'll chastise them, spare not the rod, catch them BEFORE they FALL
Some things she knows intuitively, without a spoken word
One look at you will tell the story, and not from what she's heard
She's tuned her soul to that boy or girl, she knows when things are wrong
Don't try to lie, she sees clear through, her love is just that STRONG
She'll wipe your tears and hold you tight, when no one understands
What can't be fixed, she'll give to God, and put it in HIS hands
A Mothers Love surpasses all, except for God above
Just look at her and look at God, you'll see the self same love
She'll never leave nor forsake her child, no matter what they've done
None can ever take her place, she is the ONLY ONE
A Mothers Love will pray for you, when the path you choose is wrong
She'll share her wisdom, and give advice, to help you move along
The road you walk, it's nothing new, your mom's been there before
Get mad at her all you want, she'll love you EVEN MORE!!!!!!

In His Eternal Love & Service,
God's Handmaiden

From The Pastor . . .

May the Road Rise up to meet You;
May the wind Be Always at your Back;
May the Sun Shine Warm upon your Face,
And the Rains Fall Soft upon your Fields,
And, Until We Meet Again
May God Hold You in the Hollow of God's Hand!

After the Alleluias of Eastertide and the energy expended for five service four days, the *Irish Blessing* provides a sense of Benediction (Well-Speak) for th who are caught up in the busy schedules of the season. That Celtic prayer is appropriate as we usher in the Spring season and illustrates the impact of Easter the human soul and heart.

The prayer requests clarification of *the road* - our future on life's pathw That has been an important part of this pastor's prayer life, recently! The reque seeks that *the Wind* - the Holy Spirit's push- be the force that motivates us. T *Sun* is summoned to bring spiritual warmth to our up-turned, prayerful faces a *Rain* - God's gentle, refreshing nurture - is requested to provide the basic nee survival. The prayer recognizes our need to be held and seeks God's hand to em and support us in all that we face.

The *Irish Blessing* is directed to someone - YOU! It is designed as a benediction for another ! It is my prayer for you . . .until we meet again!

In Christ's love,

Dear Friends at Elon College Community Church,

Let me start by saying how much I enjoy receiving the newsletter and hearing what's happening at the Elon church. You will always be close to my heart. I need to let you know that the Lyon family has moved. Our new address is 509 Waln Road, Glensie, PA 19038. I began back in September as pastor of Glenside UCC just outside Philadelphia. The congregation is warm and welcoming and I am enjoying ministry here. Bob has a new programming job in nearby Warminster which cuts down considerably on his commute. Andrew is now a freshman in high school, plays trumpet in a number of school bands, sings in chorus, and swims on the high school team. Becca is in 6th grade, swimming with the local aquatic club, playing softball and playing the alto sax in a couple of school bands. It's hard to believe that I've been away for 8 years until you look at the children, yours and mine!

Blessings,
Beth Lyon

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Monday, March 19, 2001

Dear Habitat Supporter,

Thank you for the support you have afforded the ministry of Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County. We would greatly appreciate your making your members aware of our current need for volunteers in our Re-STORE. Will you include this information in your bulletins and newsletters? Your help is most appreciated!

Should you have any questions about our store or the Habitat ministry, please call me at 222-8191w or 229-9561h.

Sincerely,

Robin S. Wintringham
Executive Director

DRIVERS NEEDED for the Habitat Re-STORE. Shifts available include Wednesdays 9-12 or 1-4; Saturdays 10-12 or 1-3. Must be between 25 and 70 years of age with a clean driving record.

SERVICE PROJECTS available in the Re-STORE. Groups needed to clean and price merchandise for sale. Must be at least 14 years of age.

Call Dean Minnich today at 222-8292 to volunteer at Habitat's Re-STORE.

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
8 April 2001

As Pastor Arch Aitcheson reported at the opening of Church Night, Glen Raven Mills has onated a large tract of land in Glen Raven to Habitat for Humanity and he and others from ur Church have discussed with representatives of other UCC churches in the Burlington rea the construction of one or more new Habitat homes on that land. The cost is now bout $30,000 for construction materials per house and both money and labor must be btained from participating churches. The goal for completion of the project is August. The oard of Missions recommends participation and that approval be sought from the Church ouncil at tonight's meeting.

Barry Raker of the Stewardship Committee asked all Boards to begin preparations for udget requests to be submitted at the May 13th meeting for both personnel and funds. ur Board recommended elimination of several line items as no longer active, and the storation of the Fellowship Fund for Seminary Students from our Church as we now have ay Turner in school and anticipate the enrollment of Ed Marsh and possibly others in the reseeable future.

Betty Walker reported a surplus of some items in the Church Pantry which are to be elivered to Loaves and Fishes, and that laundry and diswasher detergents are the only esent pantry items needed.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

low Church Members and Friends,

ld you like to help feed the hungry of the world at no cost
yourself?
d postage stamps, ordianrily thrown away, can be sold to raise
ey to feed the hungry in the U.S. and abroad. Large commemora-
es and all foriegn stamps are wanted, along with unused U.S.
any collections, special issues. They are sorted and sold to
mp dealers. All proceeds go to ministries of World Hunger and
rch World Service where they are used in the name of Christ to
d the hungry or help the hungry feed themselves.
roximately $500 a month is now being raised this way with over
,000 total.
the stamps with a small border around them and place them in the
ignated box beside the church office.

S TO SEE - MISSION PROJECT

are invited to participate in the healing ministry of Christ
collecting eyewear gathering dust at your house and sharing
m with those who are in need around the world. All eyewear
L be received by trained optometrists and distributed free
harge to hospitals in Inida, clinics in the Philippines,
munity health centers in Haiti and elsewhere. This is accom-
shed through Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc. a partner
the United Church of Christ.
se bring your glasses, frames, lenses, cases and place them
the designated box beside the church office.

herine Floyd for Mission Board

May 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 7:00p Stephens Ministry
6 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Acolyte Training 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ANN ACQUILANO 584-2683	**7** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**8** Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Circle 3
13 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	**14** Noon Volunteers Luncheon 7:00p Cub Scouts	**15** Noon Communion
20 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Family Picnic-JDav Park 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725	**21** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**22** Noon Communion
27 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BILL RUTH 446-1136	**28** MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p Cub Scouts	**29** Noon Communion

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**4** 6:45p Special Fridays 7:00p Shelter Meal/Choir	**5**
10 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**11**	**12**
17 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion 7:00p Service Faire Cmte	**18**	**19** Elon's Graduation
24 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion	**25**	**26**
31 7:30a Breakfast Bible Noon Communion		

4/7/01

Hi!

I received my beautiful and informative Torch yesterday.

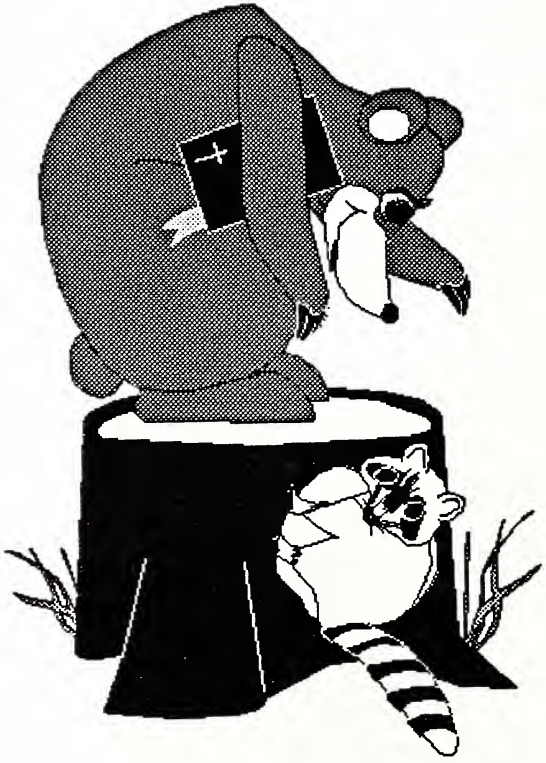
It is great! I am so proud of everything the church and congregation are doing and have done.

I read it from cover to cover and save them to refer back to when needed. It makes me feel real good to see the progress the church is accompanying and its goals.

Please share this with Arch and I would appreciate him sharing it with Board of Deacons, as I know some of them.

In Christian Peace,
Betty Long Yarbrough

Bear Witness



Tom Small's Devotion . . . ***Speak the Truth***

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight. (Proverbs 12:19, 22 NRSV)

Many of us say we believe honesty is best even if being truthful costs us a little pride. But are you the first to admit when you are wrong? Do you tell the cashier that she or he gave you too much change or that they did not charge you for an item? Satan will try to make you believe no one will ever know if you just stay quiet. Believe me, your conscience will know, and, more importantly, God knows!

May your words be pleasing to God!

Tom Small Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

Come join the

Church Family Celebration and Picnic

Sunday, May 20

Kids – Bring your parents, grandparents and favorite adult friends to church. Tell everyone to dress for a picnic.

Adults – Bring your own children, join a family with children or become a child for the day. Dress comfortably.

Following 11:00 worship, there will be a picnic at Joe Davidson Park on St. Mark's Church Road.
Please bring picnic food to share. Beverages will be provided.

Please complete the coupon below and drop it into the offering plate or bring to the church office **by May 15.**

Yes, we will attend Church Family Day and the Picnic.

Name: _____

Number: Adults_____ Children _____

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General Fund/1st State
Totals as of March 31, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
venues						
NCOME	$16,904.50	$59,558.78	$60,870.66	($1,311.88)	$243,482.50	$52,089.79
ENTAL INCOME	$0.00	$1,461.90	$2,925.03	($1,463.13)	$11,700.00	$1,985.00
FFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
ALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$0.00	$200.01	($200.01)	$800.00	$0.00
BS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
ENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$18.75	($18.75)	$75.00	$0.00
PECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$1,294.00	$1,408.92	$0.00	$1,408.92	$0.00	$1,852.97
nterest	$32.68	$243.88	$150.00	$93.88	$600.00	$377.94
lisc. Income Accts	$75.00	$570.87	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$0.00
otal Revenues	$18,306.18	$63,244.35	$64,164.45	($920.10)	$256,657.50	$56,305.70
penses						
PECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
OCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$1,500.00	$2,100.00	$2,224.99	($124.99)	$9,445.00	$680.00
THER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,709.00	$3,375.00	$3,474.99	($99.99)	$14,550.00	$2,499.00
ORSHIP EXPENSES	$0.00	$103.64	$611.31	($507.67)	$2,870.00	$164.00
USIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$50.00	$225.00	$1,003.73	($778.73)	$3,325.00	$0.00
VANGELISM EXPENSES	$23.42	$556.87	$174.81	$382.06	$700.00	$169.56
HRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$568.04	$800.04	$1,686.57	($886.53)	$6,875.00	$820.62
ALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$6,935.91	$6,938.01	($2.10)	$27,752.00	$6,674.32
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$6,198.92	$6,146.01	$52.91	$24,586.00	$4,790.41
Pastor I Staff	$6,694.73	$18,246.46	$16,616.04	$1,630.42	$66,639.00	$14,025.40
CE/Program Staff II	$4,816.38	$4,816.38	$5,566.38	($750.00)	$22,265.50	$8,654.48
Custodial Services I	$425.87	$1,228.08	$1,668.75	($440.67)	$6,675.00	$1,256.50
Custodial Services II	$314.88	$968.87	$1,356.51	($387.64)	$5,426.00	$1,022.39
Child Care Services	$0.00	$211.65	$304.26	($92.61)	$1,217.00	$230.11
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$376.78	$1,237.99	$1,076.73	$161.26	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$16,927.42	$39,844.26	$39,672.69	$171.57	$158,867.50	$36,858.61
acility Operation Exp.	$7,498.20	$15,739.29	$14,354.56	$1,384.73	$59,675.00	$12,565.16
isc Expense Accts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,128.49
tal Expenses	$28,276.08	$62,744.10	$63,203.65	($459.55)	$256,307.50	$54,385.44
Net Total:	($9,969.90)	$500.25	$960.80	($460.55)	$350.00	$1,420.26

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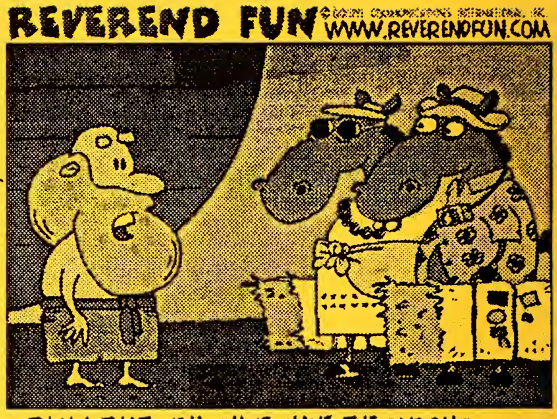

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May 27 - Mrs. Vera Dixon

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May 27 - Anna Wilkins/Nicole Williamson

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May 6 - Joe & Bekah Davis
May 13 - Jerry & Betty Dillashaw
May 20 - Kevin & Vivian Bengel
May 27 - ??

Bulletin Board Update for May
1st Week - Snyder
2nd Week - Clarks
3rd Week - Danieley
4th Week - Turnage

Nursery for May
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May 13 - Mike & Lorie Goodwin
May 20 - Lou Harper/Laurie Lambert
May 27 - George & Carol Oakley

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May 13 - Ken Harper
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May 27 - Ray Covington

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May 20 - Eddie & Patsy Oliver
May 27 - Marie & Anna Wilkins

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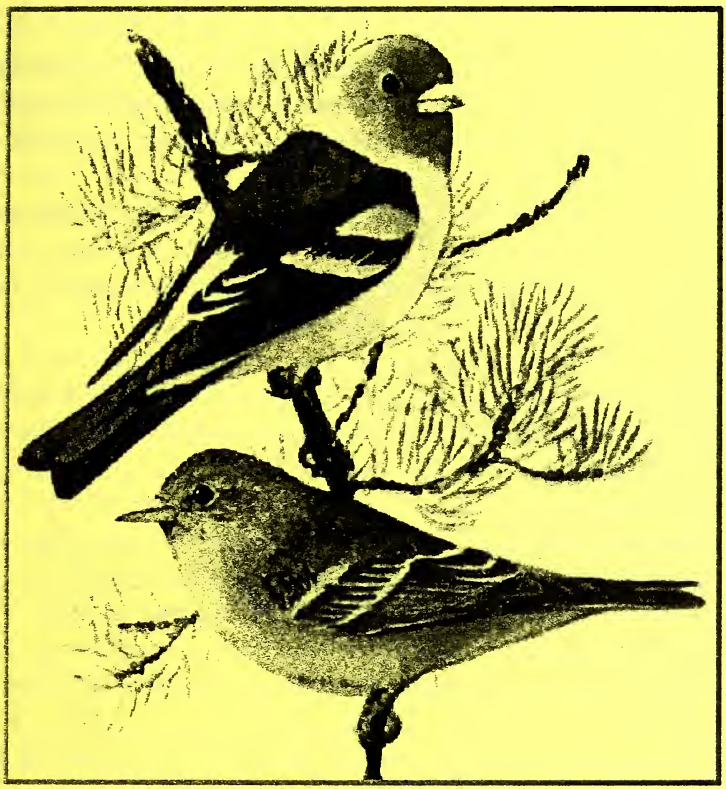
Two Birds



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The Torch **June 2001**

From the Pastor . . .

Making the River Journey

The letter has gone out to the membership by U.S. Mail and E-mail. The pasto
resigned. ***Change*** is imminent. That word is frightening to many.

Change means stepping out into an uncharted river in a raft. There may be unk
rapids, hidden rocks with sharp edges, uncertain currents, and the like. We can
afraid of these unknowns or be alerted to the possibilities they create.

There may also be wonderful vistas to behold as the journey continues. The wa
may be refreshing albeit cold. The sharing of emotions with those who make th
with the rafter can bring people together and solidify relationships. Teamwork
common goal can open new horizons to the traveler.

Change is a growth process. The testing, the stress, and the new learning that c
in any of life's transitions all combine to open the individual and the community
new ideas, to evaluations of old traditions, and to a renewal of commitment and

On August 5, 2001, I will close a very wonderful chapter in my life. After the
worship service on that day the role of pastor-teacher that has been a joy in my l
will end at the ***Elon Community Church United Church of Christ.*** While my
membership will remain in this church, my role will no longer include pastoral
and privileges in your midst. ***Church member and friend*** will be my new ident
I will not be available to perform weddings or funerals in accordance with the
ministerial ethics taught to me by Dr. Ferris Reynolds at Elon so many years ago
pray that you will honor that stance.

There will be changes in my life as I approach a new career in teaching. Some o
those changes are frightening, but overall, this new calling excites me and challe
me to grow in a new way. It reminds me of the adventures of white water raftin
in the past.

Liz will face changes, too, as she continues to be the wonderful soul-mate she has always been for me. She loses her pastor, too! She plans to keep her lay commitments to the church, but will probably visit other churches with me in the transition period ahead. She is growing with this process, too!

There will be ***changes*** for you. Your elected leaders have already begun the process of guiding this raft through the river waters. They have a great spirit and an enthusiasm tempered by caution as they move into the future with your help. They are good workers and try to the best of their ability to be faithful to the mission of this congregation. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts in the months ahead, by your prayers, by your continued financial support and by your kind words.

All of this is ***good.***

You will be an important piece of the "river"journey. More than ever before, each person who is a member and friend of this congregation needs to participate actively in the mission, work and decision process of this church. You are the church!

There are blessings ahead. As one who has made many river raft journeys I know the joy, the surprise and the awesome wonder of God's presence as the journey comes to its docking point. The journey does not stop there. It simply teases the soul into more adventures ahead.

I look forward to our days ahead as we close this chapter of shared ministry.

May God bless us all with wonderful vistas of the Spirit's truth!

In the love of Jesus,

Arch
Pastor and Teacher

'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

Luke 2:49 NJB

Tom Small's Devotion . . . ***Does Your Life Have A Meaning?***

Blessed be the LORD, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. (Ps 68:19)

Many people are searching for the meaning of life. Many ask the question, but few search for the answer. They expect someone to hand them the answer without any effort on their part. I have discovered during my short three decades of life, that God is the meaning of life. The Father is the creator of life. He is the Blesser of life. God is the Healer of life. God, the Son, is the perfect example of life. God is the ultimate judge of our life. We will not become perfect in this life, but if we follow God's word and accept Jesus as our Lord an Savior, we will achieve a perfect life in Heaven.

Many folks try to find meaning in the possessions around them. They may find som happiness, but it is only temporary. The items will wear out; they will be misplaced, or we will grow tired of them. God will never wear out or grow old. We may "misplace" God (turn away from him) but he is always present.

God came into this world in the flesh as Jesus Christ. Though Jesus was crucified, the LORD raised him up and welcomed him back to heaven. Jesus is no longer physically with us on earth, but we are not alone. The Holy Spirit continues to teach us and to watch over us. God is always as close as the air we breath, the sun that warms our bodies or the ground that is under our feet. We can call upon God and immediately find ourselves in his glorious presence by simply praying in the name of Jesus Christ. God wants to reveal to us the meaning of our lives, but we must be prepared to accept the divine plan he has designed for our lives.

For so long I searched for a meaning to my life. I tried to find it in things. I assume that happiness would satisfy my desire to know why I was born into this world at this time in history. We were all created for God's purposes, but so many times, we live outside of the Lord's will. We struggle through life. We try to fix things ourselves, believing that we have the answers. The truth is our plans may not be what God has in store for our lives and as such, we will struggle and complain before we call upon God for help. Life would be so much easier if we simply prayed to God before making decisions.

Take a moment and read Romans 12: 3 - 8 and 2 Timothy 1:9 to get a perspective upon the meaning of life. Keep this verse in mind as you go about your daily life: *The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path!* (II Samuel 22:33)
May God bless you!

Tom Small
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

Fellowship Luncheon

June 3

$10 per person
(Children under 4 free.)

Proceeds benefit the Carolina Cross Connection trip.

Tickets on sale after worship in the narthex,
or come by the church office.
Deadline to purchase is May 2.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

June 2001

Father's Day

CHURCH QUOTES:

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on.
Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered,
"Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

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3 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Fellowship Luncheon 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ROBERTA STARR 584-9921	**4** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**5** 7:00p Stephens Ministry 7:30p Circle 3	**6** 7:00 8:00
10 8:00a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL M. SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	**11** Installation of new Sound System (Sanct. all week) Noon Volunteers Luncheon 7:00p Cub Scouts	**12** Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG	**1** 7:00 8:00
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First Class Octet

Rick Hunter *Eva Breidenthal* *Craig Stanley*

Paramount Theater

128 East Front St. Burlington

Reserve Seating Box Office Open Mon - Fri 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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June 15, 2001 8:00 p.m.

Admission $10.00

Saturday
A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, we had a good time at church today, wish you were there!"
2 **11:00a Wedding**
9 **8:30a Personnel Cmte** **3:00 p Wedding**
16 **8:00a Pastor/Parish Relations**
23 **4:00p Wedding**
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First Class Octet

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Zoo & Aquarium Month - June 2000		A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, we had a good time at church today, wish you were there!"
ther, 'How " he "	**1** **6:45p Special Fridays** **7:00p Shelter Meal/Choir**	**2** **11:00a Wedding**
7 7:30a Breakfast Bible **Noon Communion**	**8**	**9** 8:30a Personnel Cmte **3:00 p Wedding**
14 7:30a Breakfast Bible **Noon Communion** **Noon Southern Conference**	**15**	**16** 8:00a Pastor/Parish Relations
21 7:30a Breakfast Bible **Noon Communion** **Women's Southern Conference**	**22**	**23** **4:00p Wedding**
28 7:30a Breakfast Bible **Noon Communion**	**29**	**30**

"fire"

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We Have A New Name!

At the Special Congregational Meeting held on May 20, 2001 our congregation voted to change the name of this community in Christ from

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TO:

ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

and . . .

We Have a New E-mail Address!

eccucc@bellsouth.net

Make Note of the Changes!

Arch -

I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support and funding that you and the church has provided for me. This summer, I will be attending BSA's National camping school. I will be in the chaplains section of that school and I will be in Portland, Or. For the remainder of the summer except for two weeks in July, when I will be at the BSA Jamboree. Then, I will fly back to Portland, OR until August 27. Looks like it will be busy fun filled summer. God is really working in my ministry and I sincerely thank him for what he has done, what he is doing now and what he is going to do for me in the future. He has blessed me with many things. Again, I want to say thanks again for all your prayers and support. I will be keeping in touch with you over the summer. I have five more classes and field based learning and will be able to graduate. Hopefully in May 2002.

In Christ's Service,

Ray Turner

The Board of Evangelism would like to express thanks to those members of our church who generously supplied "goodies" for the exam bags which were distributed on May 5 to Elon College students who have attended our church and to our own young people who are away at college. Thanks, also to our Youth Group who filled the exam bags and to those who distributed them: Tom and Kathryn Clark, Faye and Tom Conally, Dee Atkinson, Gayland Welborn, Dave Turnage, Betty Walker, Earl and Sara Danieley, Louis Wilkins and Ray Harclerode. Appreciation is expressed to Pastor Arch and our office secretary, Tina Wright-Wood, for their behind the scene help.

The ministry of preparing bread for first-time visitors to the 11 o'clock worship will continue in May, June, and July under the leadership of Kathryn Clark. If you can assist in this project, please contact Kathryn. Susan Menikheim did a great job during February, March and April.

Further attempt will be made to contact the visitors who sign the guest register and/or the fellowship form in order to provide them with information about our church and extend them an invitation to join our fellowship.

Wally Snyder, Chairman
Verona Danieley, Secretary

May 16, 2001

Elon College Community Church Office Staff
Dear Bekah, Tina and Arch:

Thank you so much for the most thoughtful recognition luncheon you gave for the volunteers on Monday.

From the attraction invitation on it was evident you spent much time and thought in making this a meaningful time for us.

The luncheon was colory funa nd delicious, and the appreciation certificate , and beautifully worded "Serving Hands" will be treasured keepsakes for me.

It is a pleasure being a volunteer with the three of you. I have learned much from each of you. I have enjoyed this small services in the name of our Christ.

Love,
Mary Shaw Cunningham

Sunday, June 3

Bible Presentation and Graduate's Sunday

Attend the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, June 3 to witness the special presentations!

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of April 30, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
enues						
COME	$21,239.30	$80,798.08	$81,160.88	($362.80)	$243,482.50	$74,280.70
NTAL INCOME	$0.00	$1,461.90	$3,900.04	($2,438.14)	$11,700.00	$2,975.00
FFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
LES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$0.00	$266.68	($266.68)	$800.00	$0.00
S TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$25.00	($25.00)	$75.00	$0.00
ECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$20.00	$1,428.92	$0.00	$1,428.92	$0.00	$1,912.97
terest	$162.09	$405.97	$200.00	$205.97	$600.00	$381.94
isc. Income Accts	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$0.00
tal Revenues	$21,421.39	$84,665.74	$85,552.60	($886.86)	$256,657.50	$79,550.61
enses						
ECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
CAL MISSION OUTREACH	$600.00	$2,700.00	$2,733.32	($33.32)	$9,445.00	$680.00
HER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,525.00	$4,900.00	$4,633.32	$266.68	$14,550.00	$3,532.00
ORSHIP EXPENSES	$28.25	$131.89	$815.08	($683.19)	$2,870.00	$164.00
USIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$39.88	$264.88	$1,221.64	($956.76)	$3,325.00	$175.00
ANGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$556.87	$233.08	$323.79	$700.00	$401.63
RISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$70.77	$870.81	$2,248.76	($1,377.95)	$6,875.00	$820.62
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cility Operation Exp.	$4,114.34	$19,853.63	$18,806.08	$1,047.55	$59,675.00	$15,023.90
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al Expenses	$19,118.97	$81,863.07	$83,588.20	($1,725.13)	$256,307.50	$75,826.88
Net Total:	$2,302.42	$2,802.67	$1,964.40	$838.27	$350.00	$3,723.73

Paul Burton (c)MMI

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Mathew 24:32

STARS AND STRIPES

INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE TORCH * JULY 2001

From the Pastor . . .

Freedom and Faithful Citizenship

The closing worship at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference was made rewarding by the participation of the youth who designed and carried out the service. The words from Emily Barrows, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Robert Barrows, were spiritually enriching.

Emily will leave shortly to join a United Nations Commission in South Africa to explore ways to deal with racism. Her testimony to a vision of a world where the prejudices of the human family could be eradicated and replaced by the open love shown to us in Jesus Christ, was nothing less than wisdom. She is committed to giving of herself to reach for the realization of that vision. She confessed that her prejudice was against prejudiced people! Oh that more of us would have the faith of this young woman!

We are about to celebrate the freedoms granted to us as citizens of the United States of America. Hopefully, our celebrations will include prayerful and thankful observances of the gifts and responsibilities those freedoms present to us. This is a time to reflect on our citizenship and to evaluate our faith response as citizens.

Our nation has been divided by the prejudices of race, ethnic diversity, political opinions, gender and sexuality issues and more. Our freedom does not include injustice but rather, encourages an open dialogue that helps us to grow together.

The world often looks to us for leadership and direction. We, who claim "Christian" as our faith stance, need to recall the stance of Jesus the Christ. In him there is neither Greek nor Jew, male nor female, Black nor White, gay nor straight, foreigner or native, and so on. All are made one in God's love through Jesus - Savior of the World.

Celebrate our freedom - to change the world by our own refusal to play the games of prejudice. Let us be more than "Americans". We belong to Christ Jesus and our faith and freedom combined open us to serve ALL who need to know his story and God's love!

May our Independence Day be blessed by our own vision of a world without hatred and prejudice!

Prayerfully,
Fred

Devotion for July - Tom Small

How Is Your Vision?

I will be the first to admit that I enjoy having nice things. Sometimes I take that desire to the extreme, and I will buy something simply because I want it. I don't believe there is anything wrong with having desires. The problems arise when we allow the desires to take our focus off God . The desires can become "idols." We begin to live our lives to fulfill our desires and God is put in our back pocket where we will always know God is, just in case we need God!

We as sinners, are too quick to become impatient or to complain about God';s way of answering prayers. We think God is holding something back from us for His own pleasure.

Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart! **(Psalm 37:4)**

The Key to releasing the blessing from God is to listen for God's call. God may be trying to tell us that we need to trust Him more. We may need to give more back to Him - our time, our money, and our lives.

Humble yourselves before the LORD, and He will exalt you. **(James 4:10)**

Once we admit our dependence upon God and our need for Jesus to fill our heart, God will begin to move. Praying to God, in the name and on the bold authority of Jesus Christ, will do wonders for our desires.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **(Hebrews 4:16)**

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective! **(James 5:16)**

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life:

The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path! **(II Samuel 22:33)**

May God bless you!

Tom
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

Thanks for your prayers . . .

Alex and Linda and the rest of the **Aitcheson family** thank you for prayers and support over the past month as Linda faced the death of her mother, **Zina Avidano**, and during Alex's surgery and recovery. Prayer does make a difference!

Fun in the Son

Summer Bible Event
July 21, 2001

11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
CHURCH COOKOUT FOLLOWING
All ages welcome!

To volunteer, call the church office today!
584-0391
Pre-Registration forms are available in the July issue of The Torch, in the church office, and in Sunday School rooms. Return completed forms to Bekah's box, or mail to P.O. Box 625, Elon, NC 27244, Attn: Bekah Davis

Elon Community Church, UCC

Report from the Board of Trustees

The new sound system was installed in the sanctuary in June. Thanks to Joe Davis and Harvey Hook for chairing this project. Memorial fund designations and individual contributions have made it possible for us to complete this project. We will acknowledge these contributions at a later date.

Lucille Stone, Helen Rippy, Biff Brafford, Jim Starr and Bill Andes have been working hard to refurbish and clean the restrooms and the bride's room in the church. New cabinets, pictures and paint have certainly improved those facilities.

Carpets have been cleaned in the sanctuary, office area, and library.

The former parsonage (111 Atkinson Ave.) has been vacant since February. Members of the Board of Trustees have removed wall paper borders, pruned shrubbery and mowed the yard. The interior has been painted and carpets and draperies cleaned. The Board is considering whether to sell the house or keep it as rental property. We plan to present information concerning the house to the congregation in the near future and ask that you express your thoughts and concerns on this issue.

Jo Grimley and Earl Danieley

I would like to thank the many, many members of Twin Lakes Center and Elon Community Church for their concern prayers and food during the long period of recovery from my recent illness.

The love and care shown by you all is so appropriate of the TLC and the Community Church.

My love and thanks to you all. My age is against me, but I'm still fighting!

Eleanor Fairfield

Thanks to Lucille Stone, Helen Rippy, Biff Brafford, Jim Starr, and Bill Andes for "sprucing up" the church restrooms. Thanks, also, to the trustees for "clearing the shelves."

This work was done in preparation of the Church Women of the Southern Conference meeting at our church on June 21-23. Katherine Floyd was the co-chairman for this meeting.

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
13 May 2001

Chairman Louis Wilkins reported that 9 churches, including ECCC, have agreed to participate in the construction of a Habitat For Humanity house in the Glen Raven Mills Development. Plans for participation by each of the churches in the matters of monetary and labor contributions and completion of the project in October are to be made by a joint committ in August. Specifics will be publicized to our congregation when the plans are completed.

.Dr Earl Danieley presided at Church Night opening and asked each Board to select on member to serve on a committee to make plans for expressions of gratitude and farewell to the Aitchesons on Sunday, August 5th, the last day of Pastor Arch's tenure. Katherine Floyd volunteered to serve on that committee.

Dr George Troxler reported that plans have been made for graduation exercises for Cul Scouts, summer programs for all scouts, and the likelihood of our having another Eagle Scout t year.

Katherine Floyd said the response to placement of receptacles in the narthex for stamp has been productive, mentioning that over the years more than $50,000. has been realized for t relief of the poor of the world, mostly administered through Church World Service.

Betty Walker said the Pantry Shelves are yet well stocked even after distribution of ma items to Loaves and Fishes, but that detergent for laundry and dishwashers is still needed. Lou Wilkins read a fairly long list of needs by the Good Shepherd Kitchen and the Homeless Shelte programs of Allied Churches, including a special appeal to travelers to contribute the unused portions of motel shampoo bottles.

Ellie Ketcham reported on PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and on Special Fridays as follows:

PFLAG has been meeting monthly in the church library for more than two years, with attendance which has varied from six to 24. It is led by two couples who are members of Elon College Community Church, but attendees include many with other religious backgrounds. A monthly newsletter announces the meeting, and copies of that newsletter are posted on the

n board in the lower-floor hallway. No church funds are needed, because the group s a small membership fee.

Except for the support group at Elon College and a high school group which was recently by a student-member, PFLAG is the only support group focusing on homosexuality in nce County. It is affiliated with a national organization with 450 chapters throughout the States, including 10 in North Caroilina. PFLAG maintains a lending library of books and lets, including consideration of the Bible and homosexuality by UCC and other ministers, lp for parents in understanding their children.

Since PFLAG includes friends of lesbians and gays, as well as parents and families, we ne church members to our monthly meetings. For more information, please contact the ms at 584-7225 or the Dillashaws.

Report on Special Fridays, 2000-2001: There have been 7 Special Fridays this year with rage of 6 – 7 special kids attending, and an average of more than 16 volunteers – most of tudents from the College but also including three or four church youth supervised by adults ne church. Linda Vogg has organized many of the Special Fridays this year. No church re need to fund the program. Parents and church volunteers take turns providing ments.

About half of the Special Kids are the same ones who have attended for ten or eleven he other half are new, recommended to us by the ARC (Association for Retarded s). The ARC also recruited another church (Grove Park Baptist) to organize another y respite night for the parents of younger special children. The program is valued by the nd by parents like the one who has written the letter below:

"... Thank you again for Special Fridays. John and Matt look forward to their 'meeting'. It is so good to know they have a great time while Scott and I enjoy the evening out. We really do appreciate all the volunteers.

Sincerely, Anne Evans."

Marsh McLelland
For the Board

Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons have met with Beth Kennett from the Southern Conference to start the process of finding Interim Pastoral Care. Every effort will be made to keep the congregation informed of this process through bulletin and pulpit announcements.

Bill Ruth, Chairman Board of Deacons

Elon Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
11 June 2001

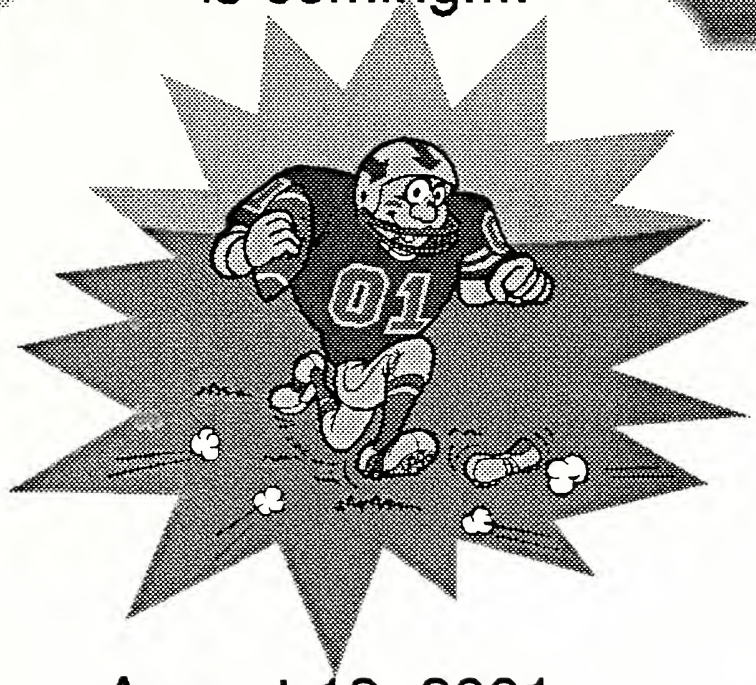
Lacking a quorum by reason of the approaching summer season, or whatever, the Board could take no actions but discussed several mission matters which at this session primarily concerned budget requests for 2002. It was decided that recommendations might be made to the Budget and Finance Committee, but that even recommendations had to be somewhat tentative for lack of information on which firmer choices might be based. Chairman Louis Wilkins will convey our thoughts on line items and of appropriate amounts of increases and decreases to the Budget and Finance Committee. The major changes recommended were inclusion of the Good Samaritan Fund and a fund for aid to seminary scholars from our congregation as line items under Local Mission Outreach, and the reduction by half of the 2001 item for Elon Homes for Children in the light of the recent completion by the Homes of a highly successful fund raising campaign.

Betty Walker, our faithful Keeper of the Pantry, reported the only continuing need is for dishwasher and laundry detergent. All other shelves are well stocked.

Katherine Floyd, working on our Church's widermission, indicated the need for used but still usable eye-glasses continues as before, and that postage stamps, used and unused but particularly the non-garden varieties, are remarkably effective sources for raising funds. It is her belief that the poor of the world will always be with us, as will be also our obligation to relieve their suffering. Collection receptacles are in the Church narthex.

Marsh McLelland
For the Board

is coming....



August 12, 2001

We need sponsors to participate and sponsor a "Few Good Football Players!" If interested, contact Wally Snyder of the Evangelism Board.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

July 2001

1 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL SUE SHIPLEY 570-2500	**2** 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**3** 7:30p Circle 3	**4** 7:00p 8:00p
8 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:30p Church Nite DEACON ON CALL ANN AQUILANO 584-2683	**9**	**10**	**11** 7:00p 8:00p
15 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	**16** Staff Vacations ARCH AWAY 7/16 - 7/30	**17**	**18** 7:00p 8:00p
22 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725	**23**	**24**	**25** 7:00p 8:00p
29 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL BILL RUTH 446-1136	**30**	**31** 	

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scholarship for Ray Turner
his last year of seminary.
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ing Christ in Today's World

5th Annual

Service Faire

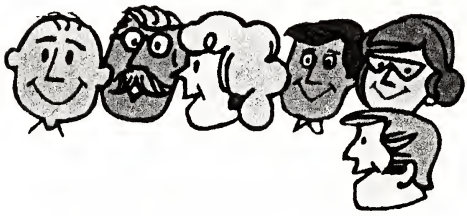
Elon Community Church UCC

Saturday
November 3, 2001

3:30 p.m.
in the
Parish House

Hot Dog Supper 5 p.m.

Admission: $5



We're counting on YOU to help make the 2001 Service Faire a whopping success. Decide on your donation(s), complete the form at right and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the Church office. Please use a separate form for each item.

Deadline to turn in forms:
-- October 1, 2001--
so we can print the catalog and have it ready for sale by October 14.

Then come to the Service Faire and watch how the bidding goes!

Thank you for being part of the fun!

SERVICE FAIRE 2001
CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

How Many?

Value: $

Recommended Starting Bid: $

For Committee use only

Item #:

Sold to:

Bid:

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5p Church Cookout

Vacation Church School

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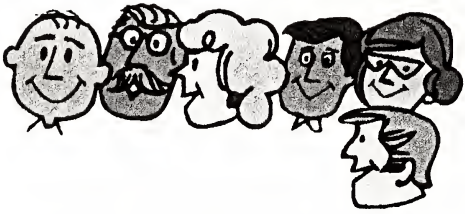

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Thank you for being part of t

What: The annual Fund and "Fun" Raiser for Elon Community Church. Handmade items, baked goods, services and local merchant donations are auctioned or raffled.

When: Saturday, November 3. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

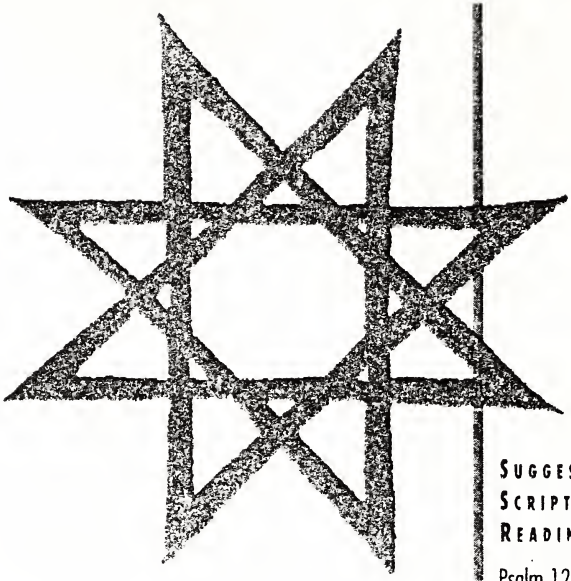
Why: To supplement the church's budget for 2001. This year **10% of the proceeds will go to help support our seminarian Ray Turner.**

How You Can Help:

- Come to the Service Faire. $5 buys you admission AND supper.
- Bring a friend!
- Donate a service: Bake your special cake,pie, bread or casserole. Plan a dinner. Make a quilt or afghan. Paint picture. Offer to babysit, do yard work, drive someone to the airport, address Christmas cards, teach a class. You are limited only by your imagination!

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**6** 6:45p Special Fridays 7:00p Shelter Meal	**7**
12 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**13**	**14**
19 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**20**	**21** 11a Fun in the Son 5p Church Cookout Vacation Church School
26 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**27**	**28**

Geo Wagner (c)MMI



Suggested Scripture Readings:

Psalm 122:1-5

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

Isaiah 40:3-5

Matthew 5:23-24

1 Peter 2:1-10

Prayers of Pious Intention

O Lord, so long as the weather is reasonably fine,
so long as I have no visitors,
so long as nobody asks me to do any work,
so long as I can sit in the back pew
    but one on the left,
so long as it isn't a local preacher planned,
so long as they don't choose hymns I don't know,
so long as my Joe is asked to recite at
    the Anniversary,
so long as I can get home in time for the play,
I will honor Thee with my presence at Church
whenever I feel like it.

David Head
He Sent Leanness

Are you ready to have Fun in the Son??

Hello EVERYONE!

We hope you will mark your calendars for VBS this year. It will be held on one day only, **July 21 from 11AM to 5PM.** "Fun in the Son" will be followed by a church cookout that you are welcome to stay and enjoy as a family. *All ages (child to adult) are welcome to participate in any or all of the day's events.* You are also encouraged to invite neighbors and friends to join us!

VBS participants need to wear play type clothing that may get dirty, and to bring a white t-shirt to tie dye.

Cookout attendees need to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

If you or your children plan to come, **please fill out a pre-registration form and return it to the church office as soon as possible** so we may make arrangements for the day.

Call the church office if you have any questions or if you want to volunteer to help out that day. (584-0391)

See you July 21!

Pre-registration from enclosed may be copied--or call the church office with your information and we will fill one in here for you.

Fun in the Son Pre-Registration

Please fill out a separate form for *each individual* who will participate in <u>any portion</u> of the day's activities. Parents who will not be participating with their children during the day need to fill in the emergency form at the bottom. **All day participants need to bring a white T-shirt for tie dying.**

Participant Name:_____

Will attend:

_____ All day, including cookout
_____ All day, no cookout
_____ Cookout only
_____ Attending as a leader

For participants under 18:

Birthdate _____ Grade in School (Fall 2001) _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone number where parent can be reached on July 21: _____

MEDICAL EMERGENC/PERMISSION FORM
Elon Community Church United Church of Christ

I, _____, grant my child, _____, permission to participate in the Elon Community Church Summer Bible Event on July 21, 2001. In the event of a medical emergency requiring hospital/medical attention for my child, I name Mrs. Rebekah Davis to act in my stead to authorize care, after all attempts to reach me have been exhausted, that Mrs. Rebekah Davis might make the necessary decisions for medical care or treatment.

Our family physician is:_____

Physician's Address:_____

Physician's Phone:_____

Parent/Guardian Day Phone:_____ Eve/Cell:_____

Our Medical Insurance Carrier is:_____

Policy Number:_____

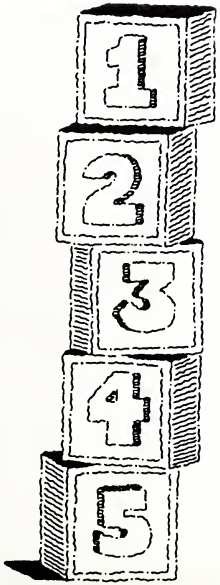
immediately following
"Fun in the Son" on July 21, 2001
(approximately 5PM)

Everyone invited!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, fixings and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please fill out a VBS registration form to let us know you are coming, or call the church office.
Any Questions? 584-0391

HERE'S WHY SO MANY PARENTS BRING THEIR KIDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL:



Because the teachers genuinely care about each child.

Because children learn how Bible truths make a difference in their lives.

Because children need friends who are a part of God's family.

Because children enjoy the variety of creative learning activities.

And, because parents get so much out of the adult ministries our church provides at the same time.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. . . ."
LUKE 4:18A (NRSV)

The Church Exhists by Mission

DOUG WALLACE

Global Ministries missionary Doug Wallace serves as a librarian at Uskudar American School in Istanbul, Turkey. He has written of his work with a small church group trying to establish a place for three homeless members of their congregation to live.

"The idea began with a young crippled man who is really working valiantly on the street to make enough for daily needs–selling bread, rolls, stockings, shoe liners, or whatever hand-carry items he can get to sell that day. He had been staying in the basement of a rented church building, without any heat. This led to the idea of renting an apartment near the church for three single men. That notion goes against the grain of Turkish culture. Single young men are not trusted by this society, and no respectable landlord would rent to one. When there are single men there is an overwhelming fear of hired women as inevitable along in the bargain.

"Finally, however, a landlord agreed on condition that an older family man would stay with the younger men to supervise behavior. Delighted with the arrangement, my severely crippled friend immediately moved in, though he had to sleep on the floor for a while, and he was without heat because the apartment had only one portable electric heater. Nevertheless, it was a step forward for the congregation. The next step, of course, was to get a bed frame, a better heater and at least enough of a kitchen to be able to make a cup of tea. We hope that as time goes on, if good behavior prevails, the landlord can be won over and the apartment will become a permanent feature of mission outreach for this small urban congregation. The place has three rooms and so rent can theoretically be shared from now on by three (hopefully not theoretical) industrious young men willing to work hard to keep off the street."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 5/31/01	Budget to date 5/31/01	Year to Date
Income	$256,657.50	$21,388.13	$103,351.90	$106,940.75	($3,588.85)
Expenses***	$256,307.50	$21,358.96	$103,860.64	$104,697.75	($837.11)
Deficit( )	$350.00	$29.17	**($508.74)**	$2,243.00	

Funds on hand	5/31/01	Funds on hand	12/31/00
Checking 1ST State	$18,527.52	Checking 1ST State	$22,385.99
Money Mk 1ST State	$15,048.86		
Total	$33,576.38	Total	$22,385.99
Designated/Liabilities	$36,302.49	Designated/Liabilities	$24,603.36
Actual on hand	($2,726.11)	Actual on hand	($2,217.37)
Reserve	$12,333.09	Reserve	$11,081.90
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00	Bld Fund Loan	$0.00
Net Available	**$9,606.98**	Net Available	**$8,864.53**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

OGHS	$1,294.00
TOTAL NOT PAID:	$1,294.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	5/31/01		
Building Fund	$10,650.66	Checking	$191.07
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$55,620.50
Steeple Repair Fund	($4,396.67)	Certificate of Deposit	$11,807.89
New Fellowship Bld	$11,375.56		
Interest Received	$5,830.02	Total	$67,619.46
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$46,505.40		
Total	**$67,619.46**	Net Available	**$67,619.46**

Notes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

*** New expense Budget approved by Church Council

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of May 31, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues						
INCOME	$18,060.21	$98,858.29	$101,451.10	($2,592.81)	$243,482.50	$85,997.70
RENTAL INCOME	$75.00	$1,536.90	$4,875.05	($3,338.15)	$11,700.00	$3,970.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$461.04	$461.04	$333.35	$127.69	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$31.25	($31.25)	$75.00	$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$40.00	$1,468.92	$0.00	$1,468.92	$0.00	$1,932.97
Interest	$49.91	$455.88	$250.00	$205.88	$600.00	$381.94
Misc. Income Accts	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$217.00
Total Revenues	$18,686.16	$103,351.90	$106,940.75	($3,588.85)	$256,657.50	$92,499.61
Expenses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$500.00	$3,200.00	$3,466.65	($266.65)	$9,445.00	$1,175.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,125.00	$6,025.00	$5,791.65	$233.35	$14,550.00	$4,465.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$0.00	$131.89	$1,018.85	($886.96)	$2,870.00	$164.00
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$0.00	$264.88	$1,439.55	($1,174.67)	$3,325.00	$335.00
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$340.50	$897.37	$291.35	$606.02	$700.00	$571.19
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$355.68	$1,226.49	$2,810.95	($1,584.46)	$6,875.00	$1,141.65
SALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$11,559.85	$11,563.35	($3.50)	$27,752.00	$11,123.86
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$10,172.54	$10,243.35	($70.81)	$24,586.00	$8,943.28
Pastor I Staff	$7,122.19	$30,343.11	$27,693.40	$2,649.71	$66,639.00	$27,607.37
CE/Program Staff II	$2,103.35	$8,525.19	$9,277.30	($752.11)	$22,265.50	$11,628.89
Custodial Services I	$366.44	$2,079.81	$2,781.25	($701.44)	$6,675.00	$2,230.05
Custodial Services II	$274.51	$1,639.00	$2,260.85	($621.85)	$5,426.00	$1,791.16
Child Care Services	$132.80	$510.45	$507.10	$3.35	$1,217.00	$464.26
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$995.76	$2,928.09	$1,794.55	$1,133.54	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$15,293.83	$67,758.04	$66,121.15	$1,636.89	$158,867.50	$63,993.87
Facility Operation Exp.	$4,382.56	$24,236.19	$23,757.60	$478.59	$59,675.00	$17,547.89
Misc Expense Accts	$0.00	$120.78	$0.00	$120.78	$0.00	$1,128.49
Total Expenses	$21,997.57	$103,860.64	$104,697.75	($837.11)	$256,307.50	$91,620.09
Net Total:	($3,311.41)	($508.74)	$2,243.00	($2,751.74)	$350.00	$879.52

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at our Sunday Services

Flowers for Jun
Jul 1 - Mrs. Frances Longest
Jul 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rich
Jul 15 - Mrs. Lois Luke
Jul 22 - Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley
Jul 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffreys

Ushers for Jun
Jul 1 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Jul 8 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley
Jul 15 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Jul 22 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Jul 29 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for Jun
Jul 1 - Anna Wilkins/Geoff Bengel
Jul 8 - Michael Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Jul 15 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Jul 22 - Jesse Chatfield//Zach Welborn
Jul 29 - Savannah Helvey/Rebecca Perry

Greeters for Jun
Jul 1 - Bill and Helen Rippy
Jul 8 - Robert Vick/Jennifer Grimes
Jul 15 - Dave Turnage/Olga Griswold
Jul 22 - Barry and Linda Raker
Jul 29 - Gayland and Cecile Welborn

Nursery for Jun
Jul 1 - Lucy Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Jul 8 - Maxine and Miranda Rich
Jul 15 - Joe and Bekah Davis
Jul 22 - Kathryn Clark/Roxanne Hummel
Jul 29 - Lou Harper/Laurie Lambert

Second Hour Child Care for Jun
Jul 1 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Jul 8 - Christy and David Ruth
Jul 15 - Kim and Steve Perry
Jul 22 - Sue and Laura Brown
Jul 29 - Lynn and Leigh Ann Denny

Bulletin Board Update for Jun
Jul 1 - Tom and Kathryn Clark
Jul 8 - Bill and Susan Menikheim
Jul 15 - Karen Huffman/Rob Mayworth
Jul 22 - Wally Snyder
Jul 29 - Dave Turnage

Liturgists for Jun
Jul 1 - Sue Shipley
Jul 8 - Jesse Chatfield
Jul 15 - Ray Covington
Jul 22 - Lou Harper
Jul 29 - Lois Luke

Church Attendance for
May 6 - 152
May 13 - 153
May 20 - 149
May 27 - 130

THE TORCH

AUGUST
2001

From the Pastor . . .

Who Moved My Cheese?

Spencer Johnson's book, Who Moved My Cheese?, has been on the best seller list for months. Strange! It is a book about an aspect of human experience which most of us dread - CHANGE.

Johnson tells us that the "handwriting is on the wall" In a cute story about two little people and two mice who are caught in a maze searching for the "cheese"of life the following truths of change can be realized:

Change Happens
"They" keep moving the cheese.
Anticipate Change
Get ready for your cheese to be moved!
Monitor Change
Sniff the cheese often so you know when the
cheese is getting old.
Adapt to Change Quickly
The quicker you let go of old cheese
the sooner you can enjoy the new cheese.
Change
Move with the new cheese.
Enjoy Change!
Savor the new adventure and the taste
of the new cheese.
Be Ready to Quickly Change Again and Again
"They" will keep moving your cheese!

This has been a year of old cheese and new cheese. I, personally, have hemmed and hawed about staying with the old cheese or finding new cheese. I have sniffed and scurried to discover the new adventures God has put before me. My changes have caused others' "cheese" to be moved. Spencer Johnson's book might be a good one for all of us to read in the months ahead as we prepare for the discovery of the new ways God's grace will touch our lives!

My life will change and yours will, too. This church will change and as Johnson suggests, all of us need to ***savor the adventure!***

My prayer for this congregation includes prayers of courage and commitment that EVERY person will do his or her part to "sniff" out new opportunities of service and leadership for the future.

During my years we have often used the light house image as a symbol of our Mission Statement, *Living Christ in Today's World!* Let your light continue to shine as a beacon of faith and hope!

Change is happening . . . .

August Devotion from Tom Small

but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the LORD and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessings and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. (James 3: 8-10 NRSV)

Have you ever been running late for Church and found yourself behind a slow moving car? What is your first reaction? "Hurry up, slow poke!" Admit it, you have said it or at least though it. My biggest problem, other than being impatient, is I am and expert at criticism. I am often more harsh with myself than with others, but even internal criticism is harmful. It can rob us of our joy. It can cause us to withhold love from others. I expect perfection, but no one is perfect. You understand my problem.

By the grace of God my patience has grown and my criticism has become less severe, and yet, both are still in my heart. The only way any of us will ever be free of our sins is to confess them to God and ask in Christ's name that our hearts be cleansed.

May We All Speak In Love to One Another!

Tom Small (trsmall1@yahoo.com)

Meeting for All 2001-2002 Sunday School Teachers

Saturday, August 18
from 9AM to Noon

Children's and Adult teachers should attend to learn about our curriculum, pick up materials, and to get answers to questions.

Refreshments provided!

Please call Bekah Davis (584-0391) if you cannot attend!

Confirmation Classes for 2001-2002

will begin in October.

Youth who are currently in their freshman or sophomore year will be invited to participate. Invitations and schedules will be ready soon.

Once we have a list of participants, we will look for adult sponsors.

If you have questions about becoming a confirmand or a sponsor, please call Bekah Davis at the church office.

Be here for...

Sunday School Open House

August 26
Before and after 11:00 worship

Drop by your classroom to meet your teacher(s) and to turn in your registration form!

and

Sunday School Kick-off

September 9
10:00 AM

We will begin the new year the Sunday after Labor Day. See the registration form for class and room information!

No Children's Sunday School

August 26

and

September 2

Please rejoin us on September 9 for the first Sunday of regular classes.

Class divisions will be:

PreK/Kindergarten
Grades 1-3
Grades 4-6
Grades 7-12

There will be classes for mom and dad too!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

August 2001

"The difference between comedy and tragedy is the distance you are from it."

James R. Spruce
in 'Lord Of The Valley'. (c)1993 Beacon Hill Press, KC MO, ISBN 083-411-4623

1
7:00p
8:00p

5 8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
2:00p Celebration of Ministry
DEACON ON CALL
ROBERTA STARR 584-9921

6
10:30a Circle 1
7:30p Circle 2

American Family Day

7
7:30p Circle 3

8
7:00p
8:00p

12 FOOTBALL SUNDAY
8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
6:30p Church Nite
DEACON ON CALL
M. SHOTZBERGER 584-7415

13

14

15
6:00p
7:00p
8:00p

19 8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
DEACON ON CALL
NELL SNYDER 584-6247

20

21

22
7:00p
8:00p

26 8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
6:00p Youth
DEACON ON CALL
ANN VICKERS 584-7896

* SS Open House

27

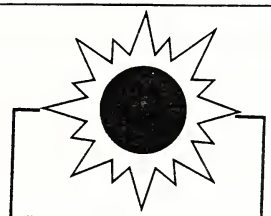
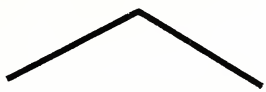
Women's Equality Day

28

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that **summer** is near.

Matthew 24:32 RSV

29
7:00p
8:00p

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 Thou hast established all the boundaries of the earth; Thou hast made summer and winter. Psalm 74:17 NASB
2 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**3** 7:00p Shelter Meal/Oxford	**4**
9 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**10**	**11**
16 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**17**  And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's [house?"] Luke 2:49 NASB	**18** 9:00a SS Teacher Training
23 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**24**	**25** "The objective of the church is the Great Commission. Our assignment is to win the lost to Christ. The current social environment on Earth, where nothing seems to be working, gives us the perfect opportunity to present something that DOES work — **Jesus Christ**". from an interview with **Pastor John Hagee** of Cornerstone Church, San Antonio, TX in "Ministries Today" July/August 1996
30 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**31**	

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADES 6-9

Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 PM

A visiting youth group from Rhode Island will join us in the parish house for dinner and fun!

Bring yourself and a two liter drink to share!

Any questions?
Call Ed Marsh or Bekah Davis

Elon Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
10 July 2001

Robert Vick reported on our Church's participation in the operation of the Allied Churchs of Alamance Homeless Shelter program. Ellie Ketcham indicated that she will not be available to oversee the Special Fridays program for the time being. Louis Wilkins said representatives of the ten area churches involved in the Habitat for Humanity program in the Glen Raven Mills Development will meet August 20th to allocate monetary and labor responsibilities among the members of the various churches involved.

Chairman Louis Wilkins also called attention to United Church of Christ Global Ministries programs throughout the world, and distributed flyers on those programs and on the People to People Pilgrimage, a joint effort with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and A New Church in a New World, sponsored by the Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC.

Betty Walker, our peerless Keeper of the Pantry, reported that the shelves are still amply stocked, and promised to let all of us know when any items need to be replenished.

Helen Rippy and Jane Alexander, Members Emeritus of the Board, sent word that while the Elon Homes for Children successfully completed a fund raising program, it continues to make good use of Campbell Soup labels and is grateful to us for our church's collection of these items, worthless to us but valuable to the Homes. A collection box is available in the narthex.

The Board approved the recommendations for budget 2002 made at the June meeting when a quorum was not present. These will be relayed to the Budget Committee by Chairman Wilkins.

Marsh McLelland
For the Board

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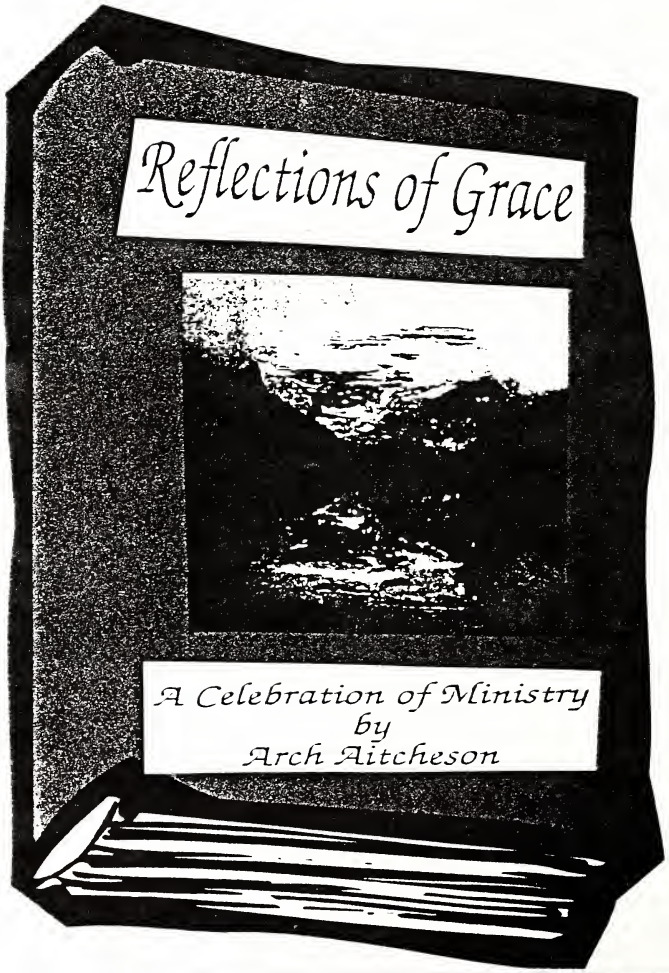
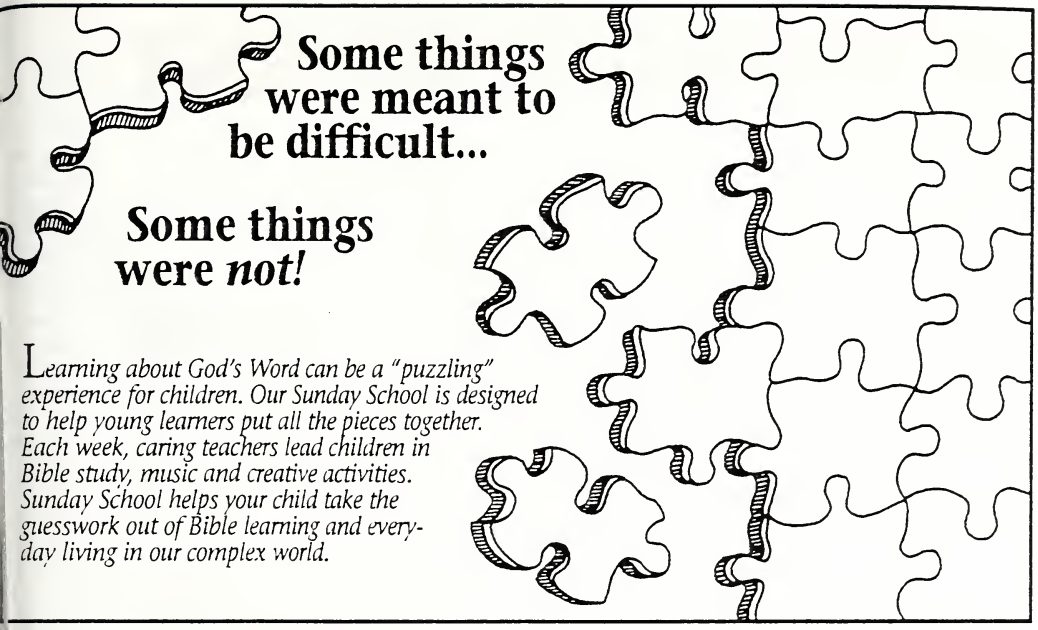


BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH ON AUGUST 5, 2001

10% OF THE COST WILL GO TO THE STEPHEN MINISTRY FUND FOR THE CHURCH



Service Faire

Saturday, November 3
3:30 p.m.

$5 for Admission and Hot Dog Supper

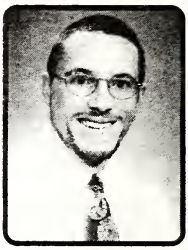
How will you help?

Address Christmas Cards?
Crochet an Afghan?
Bake a Cake?
Host a Party?
Wash a Car?
Do Yard Work?
Create Christmas Ornaments?

Choose your contribution and complete the form – available in the church office.
Put the date on your calendar.
Invite Friends and Relatives.
Get your Catalog and your Admission Ticket (on sale October 21).
Have a great evening on November 3.

"I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you. . . ."
PHIL. 1:3-4 (NRSV)

To Hear the Word of God and the Comfort of Fellow Christians


SCOTT COUPER

SUSAN VALIQUETTE

Global Ministries missionaries Scott Couper and Susan Valiquette serve with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). Susan is at Inanda Seminary, a secondary school for girls in Durban, South Africa, and Scott is a pastor of a UCCSA congregation in Durban. "God never abandons us to the darkness, depression and despair in the world," Scott writes as he describes events in their lives last year.

"The year was very traumatic for our family as Susan's father died in a tragic household accident. The news was devastating. It was a time when Susan was enveloped in darkness. The night we were informed, Susan wanted to die. A light in her life, the source of so much of her character, ethics, and values was gone. In the States, Susan's family, friends and colleagues surrounded her with love as she mourned the loss of her father. However, grieving takes time and the darkness returns every so often. Susan's grief lasted long after her return to South Africa.

"However, some of Susan's healing occurred at Inanda Seminary when a bus load of Islilo (women who are mourning for their children) from the church Scott serves in Groutville arrived to express their sympathy. They organized for weeks. They saved their money to hire transportation, and they traveled over an hour to support Susan. She was overcome with emotion at the sight of all these women, who came to sing, pray, and preach to her. And preach they did! Nothing sounds pithy, nothing trite, nothing disingenuous when a bus load of gogos (grandmothers) come to cry with you. Many of the women wiped their eyes as Susan tearfully thanked them. Susan needed to hear the word of God and the comfort of fellow Christians as she was so far away from home. That hour, the light of Jesus Christ through the spirit of an African church, conquered the darkness of death."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of June 30, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues						
INCOME	$15,082.50	$113,940.79	$121,741.32	($7,800.53)	$243,482.50	$100,266.70
RENTAL INCOME	$75.00	$1,611.90	$5,850.06	($4,238.16)	$11,700.00	$4,945.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$461.04	$400.02	$61.02	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$37.50	($37.50)	$75.00	$15.79
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$0.00	$1,468.92	$0.00	$1,468.92	$0.00	$1,962.97
Interest	$28.81	$484.69	$300.00	$184.69	$600.00	$384.70
Misc. Income Accts	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$217.00
Total Revenues	$15,186.31	$118,538.21	$128,328.90	($9,790.69)	$256,657.50	$107,792.16
Expenses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$600.00	$3,800.00	$3,974.98	($174.98)	$9,445.00	$1,175.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,225.00	$7,250.00	$7,049.98	$200.02	$14,550.00	$5,298.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$729.15	$861.04	$1,222.62	($361.58)	$2,870.00	$264.00
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$605.50	$870.38	$1,657.46	($787.08)	$3,325.00	$1,002.86
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$897.37	$349.62	$547.75	$700.00	$571.19
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$599.76	$1,826.25	$3,373.14	($1,546.89)	$6,875.00	$1,427.13
SALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$13,871.82	$13,876.02	($4.20)	$27,752.00	$13,348.63
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$12,159.35	$12,292.02	($132.67)	$24,586.00	$10,540.09
Pastor I Staff	$5,169.89	$35,513.00	$33,232.08	$2,280.92	$66,639.00	$36,068.23
CE/Program Staff II	$2,278.27	$10,803.46	$11,132.76	($329.30)	$22,265.50	$11,628.89
Custodial Services I	$564.51	$2,644.32	$3,337.50	($693.18)	$6,675.00	$2,632.90
Custodial Services II	$460.21	$2,099.21	$2,713.02	($613.81)	$5,426.00	$2,111.15
Child Care Services	$132.80	$643.25	$608.52	$34.73	$1,217.00	$561.15
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$773.73	$3,701.82	$2,153.46	$1,548.36	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$13,678.19	$81,436.23	$79,345.38	$2,090.85	$158,867.50	$77,096.04
Facility Operation Exp.	$4,494.36	$28,730.55	$29,209.12	($478.57)	$59,675.00	$21,797.68
Misc Expense Accts	$75.00	$195.78	$0.00	$195.78	$0.00	$1,128.49
Total Expenses	$22,006.96	$125,867.60	$126,182.30	($314.70)	$256,307.50	$110,858.39
Net Total:	($6,820.65)	($7,329.39)	$2,146.60	($9,475.99)	$350.00	($3,066.23)

Six of our Cub Scouts attended a week of Cub Day Camp in June. Seven Webelos Scouts and 4 leaders attended Webelos Resident Camp at Woodfield Scout Preservation, July 8 - 12. Tony Bejos, Philip Fox, P.J. Wright, Buddy Doyle, Michael Kernodle, David Warner and Jonathan Kernodle. The leaders attending were Miguel Bejos and Kelly and Mark Johnson and George Troxler. George Troxler is serving on the staff of the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, July 23-August 1.

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To:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, {Other ancient authorities lack [or what you will drink]} or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? {Or [add one cubit to your height]}
And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
But strive first for the kingdom of God {Other ancient authorities lack [of God]} and his {Or [its]} righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6.25 NRSV

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for August
Aug 5 - Mrs. Patricia Woody
Aug 12 - Rev. & Mrs. John Truitt
Aug 19 - Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bensen
Aug 26 - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wilkins

Ushers for August
Aug 5 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Aug 12 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley
Aug 19 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Aug 26 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for August
Aug 5 - Mollie Lambert/Laura Brown
Aug 12 - Anna Wilkins/Geoff Bengel
Aug 19 - Michael Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Aug 26 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for August
Aug 5 - Bill Andes & Lucille Stone
Aug 12 - Louis and Beth Wilkins
Aug 19 - Steve & Kim Perry
Aug 26 - Eddie & Patsy Oliver

Nursery for August
Aug 5 - Ray & Cathy Covington
Aug 12 - Ray & Bernice Harclerode
Aug 19 - Mike & Lorie Goodwin
Aug 26 - Open

Second Hour Child Care for August
Aug 5 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver
Aug 12 - Marie & Anna Wilkins
Aug 19 - Katrina Chappell
Aug 26 - Katherine Floyd/Bill Linde

Bulletin Board Update for August
Aug 6 - Wally Snyder
Aug 13 - Verona Danieley
Aug 20 - Kathryn & Tom Clark
Aug 27 - Dave Turnage

Liturgists for August
Aug 5 - Barry Raker
Aug 12 - Ed Marsh
Aug 19 - Cathy Covington
Aug 26 - Lucille Stone

Church Attendance for
Jul 1 - 112
Jul 8 - 108
Jul 15 - 140

The TORCH
September 2001

WATCHOUT

We're coming your way in the upcoming months!

Stephen Ministry

A Confidential
Lay Ministry

Christ Caring For People
Through People

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 NASB

ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH
PREACHING SCHEDULE (assuming no interim available)

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Preaching Schedule

September 2 - Walstein Snyder
Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
September 9 - Robin Townsley Arcus
September 16 - Alan Miller, Associate Conference Minister
Western N. C. Association, U.C.C.
September 23 - Beth Kennett, Associate Conference Minister
Eastern N. C. Association, U.C.C.
September 30 - Richard McBride (University Family Weekend)
October 7 - Nancy Ruth Best (World-Wide Communion)
Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Service ONLY
October 14 - Homecoming - Charles Terrell
October 21 - Children's Sabbath
October 28 -
November 4 - Klaus-Heinrich Kanstein, Berlin, Germany
Pastor and Superintendent, Evangelical Church of Uni
Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Service ONLY
November 11 - Laurie Hafner (University Homecoming)
Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C., Cleveland, Ohio

-Earl Danieley
Interim Church Administrator

ugust 10, 2001

ear Members and Friends of the Church:

hat a wonderful celebration we shared with you on August 5! The committee helped provide an upbeat and eaningful day as we ended eight and one half years of pastoral work at Elon Community Church. Liz and I eeply appreciate the kindnesses shown to us as we make this new life transition.

he worship was a true celebration of "calling" for those who take on the name *Christian*. The corsage and outonniere made us feel "set-apart" and loved. The participation of the drama team, our Associate onference Minister, and a large worshipping congregation increased the sense of the bond that has linked us Christ's mission over the years.

he painting of the Steeple and the book of letters join the wonderful notes and pictures of the children and outh to remind us of good years at Elon.

he reception was beautifully done and provided each of us a chance to say our good-byes and to share the ugs that have been symbols of our friendship and spiritual kinship.

hanks to all who made August 5, 2001 a good day. We hope to see more of you in the future, but from the ew perspective of the pew and regular membership.

e love all of you!

essings,

ch and Liz Aitcheson

Sound System Installed

Installation of the sound system in the sanctuary has been completed with the installation of the mahogany cabinet which is located in the balcony. The cabinet is a memorial to J. Wesley Alexander.

Pastoral Search Committee

A special meeting of the Church Council was held in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 19. Moderator-elect Gayland Welborn called the meeting to order.

Ray Covington, chairman of the nominating committee reported for the committee. The Council voted, using a written ballot, to elect those who had been nominated.

The Pastoral Search Committee
Co-chairman: Laurie Lambert and Ray Covington
David Brown
Jimma Causey
Jo Grimley
Louis Wilkins

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Search for Associate Pastor

At the regular meeting of the Church Council on July 8, it was voted to re-activate the search for an Associate Pastor. The committee which had been responsible for the earlier efforts to locate an Associate Pastor was asked to begin the search again. The committee is chaired by Dr. George Troxler.

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An Interim Minister

The Board of Deacons, chaired by Bill Ruth, is responsible for recommending a person to serve as Interim Minister during the search for a full-time pastor.

Dear Congregation,

I would like to start out by thanking you for all of the support you gave me for this summer. I am about to start the fourth and final pre-camp and camp weeks for the summer. You have made it possible for me to be able to be a missionary in North Carolina, this summer. I have gotten the chance to meet so many incredible people these past few weeks. And I have been able to see God work so clearly and in many amazing ways. I have been able to become so close with many campers and with so many of the people we have been able to help. I have become especially close to the Johnson's. We built them at 35' long ramp and landing for it, and we replaced part of their floor. The man, Maynard, make guitars and his wife, Pinky, paints ceramics that her son makes. I feel so blessed to have gotten the chance to know them and become close to them and their family. The staff I am a part of this summer is also amazing. Each of the five other members are incredible people that I am so thankful to have gotten the chance to know, live with, and work with. Thanks you again for your support!

In Christ's Name,
Kim Acquilano

Left to Right: Top-John; Middle-Joel, me, Lucy, Jen; Bottom-Lav

Faith Discussion Group
For College Students

The Elon Community Church will offer a weekly faith discussion group beginning on Thursday evening, August 30. The meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

The leader for the discussion group will be Dr. Betsy Stevens who is a new faculty member in business communication in the Love School of Business at Elon University.

Dr. Stevens is a graduate and has a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. Her Ph.D. degree was earned at Wayne State University. She was formerly a member of the faculty at San Jose State University.

Themes for the discussion group will center around issues in the lives of college students and how some of these issues can be resolved with prayer and a spiritual life. Each evening's discussion will center around a biblical passage. The discussions will combine spirituality discussions with having fun.

Dr. Stevens has been affiliated primarily with Presbyterian churches and has served as a discussion leader for single people in their early 30s at the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The group enjoyed weekend retreats to Lake Michigan.

The first session will be an introductory session: discussing vital issues. An early discussion will involve "bread" and the group will bake some bread. Other activities will involve the use of the kitchen in the Parish House.

Interested students are invited to attend the first session in the Parish House. The Parish House is the white, frame building located on Haggard Avenue across the street from Hardees. It is at the rear of the Elon Community Church located on Williamson Avenue near the intersection with NC highway 100. Students will enter the rear of the building - the door next to the Church.

TELEVISION ABSORBS MORE THAN 20 HOURS OF THE AVERAGE CHILD'S WEEK.

SCHOOL INVOLVES A CHILD FOR MORE THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK, PLUS ANOTHER 3 TO 7 HOURS OF HOMEWORK.

LITTLE LEAGUE (AND OTHER SPORTS) OFTEN REQUIRES 5 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK.

MUSIC LESSON EXPECT 2 TO 4 HOURS PER WEEK.

THE CHURCH AVERAGES LESS THAN 1 HOUR PER WEEK OF EFFECTIVE PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

Please pray for our Sunday School teachers and invite a child you know to attend Sunday school next week at 10:00 AM.

September 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL SUE SHIPLEY 570-2500 *NO Children's SS	**3** 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**4** 7:30p Circle 3	**5** 7:00p 8:00p
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Here's Some of the Many Little Reasons Our Church Has a Sunday School.

As you come to church each week, it doesn't take long to realize that our church is a family place. You'll see children smiling, laughing and talking as our church family gathers for a special time of learning about God's Word.

PRAYER REMINDER

Please pray that God will magnify our teacher's teachings in the hearts of children, and that God will bless our Sunday school program this year!

Write the Vision: Communities of Shalom for All Children

The 10th annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths, ce brated October 19-21, 2001, seeks to lift up God's intention *shalom* for every child, and engage people of all ages and faiths creating communities of *shalom* in which children are safe a healthy.

Beginning with services in synagogues and mosques on Friday a concluding with church and interfaith services on Sunday, the sands of congregations across our nation will join in the Childre Sabbath through prayer, worship services, religious education cla es, special hands-on service activities, and advocacy efforts. They w learn more about the problems facing children, reflect on the fa mandate to respond, and make new commitments to improve t lives of all children.

Our congregation is joining in the National Observance of Childre Sabbaths!

Date: October 21

Time: 11:00 Worship

To learn more about what our congregation is planning and how y can become involved, contact:

Bekah Davis, Interim CE Coordinator

Write the Vision: Children's Sabbath 2001

Children's Sabbath is observed during the third weekend in October. The United Church of Christ is just one of the denominations that observes Children's Sabbath.

The observance, which was started by the Children's Defense Fund, is an ecumenical and inter-religious celebration. The observance truly begins on September 9, forty days prior to the actual weekend. On September 9, church families and communities of faith are asked to begin a prayer vigil that focuses on children's issues. We are asking that you participate by dedicating some of your personal prayer time to intercession for children's needs. The other materials about Children's Sabbath included in this month's Torch can give you some ideas of what to pray about on behalf of children everywhere.

The purpose of the Children's Sabbath celebration is to learn about the needs of children, and to encourage the participating churches to commit to the care and protection of children through advocacy for justice and intercession according to specific faith traditions. The theme for Children's Sabbath 2001 is "Write the Vision: Creating Communities of Shalom for All Children", based upon Habakkuk 2:2-3. You may read the inserts in this month's Torch for more about this theme.

Write the Vision

Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time,
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

(Habakkuk 2:2-3)

The Bible offers manifold images of God's vision for our world, a vision God calls us to share and to spread. A vision of health for all, when no more is there an infant who lives only a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime. Images of healing and wholeness. A vision of peace, in which a child leads the way and long-time enemies learn to live together in harmony. A time when weapons of destruction are transformed into instruments of harvest reaping the bounty of peace for all.

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What might that vision mean for children and their families today?

A Healthy Start for every child, so that children have healthy bodies and minds and are assured a comprehensive health and mental health system that provides preventive care when they are well and treatment when they are ill.

A Safe Start for every child, so that children are safe and secure in their homes, neighborhoods, and schools, are protected from the guns that kill a child or teenager every two and a half hours, and have safe havens before and after school and during summer months.

How can we spread God's vision for children?

- ***Pray*** for the day when every child enjoys the health and peace that God intends, and for the strength and commitment to help work toward that day.
- ***Learn more and then tell others*** about the vision, the problems facing children, solutions, and what we can do. Talk with teachers and health care providers, parents, neighbors, and colleagues. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, participate in radio call-in shows, speak up at meetings of the PTA or your civic association.
- ***Find a way to use your gifts and skills*** to help improve the health and safety of at least one child in your community.
- ***Be a voice for justice*** on behalf of children. Connect with an advocacy group (in your community, state, religious body, or a national group) working on behalf of children to get ongoing information about legislation affecting children. Call, write, e-mail, and visit your members of Congress and state elected officials to make your views known. Watch how they vote. Urge them to assure every child a Healthy Start and a Safe Start so that we Leave No Child Behind®. Visit the Children's Defense Fund's Web site at www.childrensdefense.org for more information.

How Long, O Lord?

The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk cried out:

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
And you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

(Habakkuk 1:1-4)

That anguished cry of "how long" may well be on our lips today, as we look at the crises besetting children and their families in our nation

How long will guns continue to take the lives of 10 children and teenagers each and every day?

How long will children be abused and neglected, with 11 cases reported every second?

How long before we see that every child gets the safe start in life they need and deserve?

How long will nearly 11 million children lack health insurance and be unable to see a doctor when they are sick or hurt, or for care to keep them well?

How long will over three-quarters of a million babies be born every year to mothers who did not receive early prenatal care, increasing the risk that these children will be born too soon, born too small, or have serious developmental or health problems?

How long before we see that every child gets a healthy start in life?

How long, O Lord?

Reminder: Adults shape children

It's frightening when children are gunned down by fellow students at school. Even more frightening is our increasing lack of response to these recurring and tragic events. We simply say, "Isn't that awful?"

The number of children and youths killed by guns each day in America has dropped from 12 to 10 – it's hardly a cause for celebration. Since 1979, an appalling 84,000 children, most of them white, have lost their lives to gunfire.

The fact is, no child today is truly safe, because gun violence occurs every day in every type of community: poor, middle class, affluent, white, black, Latino, rural, urban, suburban.

Who's responsible? Gun manufacturers, gun sellers and the parents of the children who commit violent crimes, all of whom fail to keep guns out of the hands of children. The media and Hollywood studios and advertisers who glorify, promote and market guns and violence. Adults who abuse each other and their children and teach them that violence is the way to resolve disputes. Adults who look the other way when bullying and intolerance manifest themselves, or who think it's not a serious problem as long as violence is not happening in their home, school or community. School systems that don't establish a climate of mutual respect.

Instead of focusing on preventive measures – giving children the early guidance, attention and moral foundation they need – we wait until lives are destroyed. Then our response is to impose increasingly harsh punishments on youths who kill other children. Now even crimes committed by 12-year-olds can command life sentences without parole.

Children cannot raise themselves. We must watch for early warnings and provide positive alternatives to violence and a sense of purpose and respect for human life. We can tune out violent TV wrestling programs and R-rated movies. We can boycott those who profit by peddling violent fare. We can challenge those who continue to produce deadly and unsafe weapons that get into the hands of children. We must reach out to children who use violence as an outlet for their frustration and teach them better ways of handling anger.

And this I can't emphasize enough: We must limit children's easy access to firearms. Every time a child kills another child, two lives are lost.

Parents, community leaders and political decision-makers ask children to take responsibility for their actions, but we fail to acknowledge how our own actions – or inaction – adversely affect the course of our children's lives. It's time to end this adult hypocrisy.

By Marian Wright Edelman
President of the Children's Defense Fund
USA Today
Spring 2001

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of July 31, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues						
INCOME	$22,249.46	$136,190.25	$142,031.54	($5,841.29)	$243,482.50	$125,624.45
RENTAL INCOME	$0.00	$1,611.90	$6,825.07	($5,213.17)	$11,700.00	$5,940.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$461.04	$466.69	($5.65)	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$43.75	($43.75)	$75.00	$15.79
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$20.00	$1,488.92	$0.00	$1,488.92	$0.00	$2,047.97
Interest	$111.54	$596.23	$350.00	$246.23	$600.00	$461.01
Misc. Income Accts	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$570.87	$0.00	$217.00
Total Revenues	$22,381.00	$140,919.21	$149,717.05	($8,797.84)	$256,657.50	$134,306.22
Expenses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$600.00	$4,400.00	$4,583.31	($183.31)	$9,445.00	$1,255.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,125.00	$8,375.00	$8,208.31	$166.69	$14,550.00	$5,931.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$921.15	$1,782.19	$1,846.39	($64.20)	$2,870.00	$633.48
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$550.00	$1,420.38	$2,225.37	($804.99)	$3,325.00	$1,352.86
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$897.37	$407.89	$489.48	$700.00	$620.99
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$213.96	$2,040.21	$4,060.33	($2,020.12)	$6,875.00	$1,589.23
SALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$16,183.79	$16,188.69	($4.90)	$27,752.00	$15,573.40
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$14,146.16	$14,340.69	($194.53)	$24,586.00	$12,481.38
Pastor I Staff	$4,331.79	$39,844.79	$38,770.76	$1,074.03	$66,639.00	$40,605.44
CE/Program Staff II	$2,762.70	$13,566.16	$12,988.22	$577.94	$22,265.50	$11,628.89
Custodial Services I	$495.19	$3,139.51	$3,893.75	($754.24)	$6,675.00	$3,237.17
Custodial Services II	$395.62	$2,494.83	$3,165.19	($670.36)	$5,426.00	$2,602.84
Child Care Services	$132.80	$776.05	$709.94	$66.11	$1,217.00	$666.11
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$915.03	$4,616.85	$2,512.37	$2,104.48	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$13,331.91	$94,768.14	$92,569.61	$2,198.53	$158,867.50	$87,000.23
Facility Operation Exp.	$5,132.08	$33,862.63	$33,660.64	$201.99	$59,675.00	$24,948.03
Misc Expense Accts	$67.96	$263.74	$0.00	$263.74	$0.00	$1,128.49
Total Expenses	$21,942.06	$147,809.66	$147,561.85	$247.81	$256,307.50	$125,557.31
Net Total:	$438.94	($6,890.45)	$2,155.20	($9,045.65)	$350.00	$8,748.91

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of ...

Dear Church Family,
We do appreciate all of the calls, cards, visits, food and prayers you have done for us. We thank each of you for all that you have done.

Love to all,
Hilda Hughes and family

Elon Community Church
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Elon, NC 27244
email: eccucc@bellsouth.net
(336) 584-0391

To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for September
Sept 2 - Dr. and Mrs. William J. Andes
Sept 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Oxford
Sept 16 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Clark
Sept 23 - Mr. & Mrs. Stan Willard
Sept 30 - Mr. & Mrs. William R. Gabriel

Ushers for September
Sept 2 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Sept 9 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley
Sept 16 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Sept 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Sept 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for September
Sept 2 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn
Sept 9 - Savannah Helvey/Rebecca Perry
Sept 16 - Mollie Lambert/Laura Brown
Sept 23 - Anna Wilkins/Geoff Bengel
Sept 30 - Michael Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for September
Sept 2 - Doris & Biff Brafford
Sept 9 - Shirley & Bill Beyer
Sept 16 - Betty & Bill Blanchard
Sept 23 - Susan & Bill Barbee
Sept 30 - Heidi & Mark Danieley

Bulletin Board Update for September
Sept 3 - Verona Danieley
Sept 10 - Dave Turnage
Sept 17 - Dave Turnage
Sept 24 - Dave Turnage

Nursery for September
Sept 2 - George & Carol Oakley
Sept 9 - Olga Griswold/Sheree Pedigo
Sept 16 - Eric& Melodie Allshouse
Sept 23 - Ann Acquilano/Beth Wilkins
Sept 30 - Lynn Denny/Gertrude Liscum

Liturgists for September
Sept 2 - Ann Acquilano
Sept 9 - Callie Lambert
Sept 16 - Marsh McLelland
Sept 23 - Marie Crissman
Sept 30 - Leo Lambert

Second Hour Child Care for September
Sept 2 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
Sept 9 - Ann Acquilano/Karen Huffman
Sept 16 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Sept 23 - Christy & David Ruth
Sept 30 - Kim & Steve Perry

Church Attendance for
Jul 29 - 105
Aug 5 - 216
Aug 12 - 18
Aug 19 - 128

The TORCH
October 2001

~The Stars Still Shine Above~

Stars still shine above as night covers the land
the flowers still bloom and life goes on as planned.

But somewhere hearts are broken and sorrow's tears are shed
for someone life has stopped...for their loved one now is dead.

Time they say heals the sorrow and mends a broken heart
for our loved one hasn't died.. we only live apart.

Heaven's halls are grand and angels are heard to sing
but it doesn't ease the pain death will surely bring.

Glory is so grand that our minds can't comprehend
but there is still heartache of a life at its end.

Life goes right on passing as days come and go
its course isn't altered cause there's hurting here below.

As the stars are in the heavens and light this hurting land
our lives are swiftly passing and are in the Father's hand.

We must trust Him to do His best for us while here below
for when we too reach heaven no more hurting will we know.

~Charlene Dickerson~ ©2001

PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 7 - Rev. Nancy Ruth Best
World-Wide Communion Sunday
(Communion at 11:00 service ONLY)

October 14 - HOMECOMING: Rev. Charles Terrell
Pot-luck luncheon in Parish House

October 21 - Childrens' Sabbath
Bekah Davis will direct the service

October 28 - Stephens Ministers Service

November 4 - Rev. Klaus-Heinrich Kanstein
Pastor and Superintendent, Evangelical Church of the Union, Berlin, Germany
[Communion at 11:00 a.m. service ONLY]

November 11 - Rev. Laurie Hafner [University Homecoming]
Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C., Cleveland, Ohio

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CASUAL SERVICES are scheduled each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m., conducted by Ed Marsh.

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Our Christian sympathy to the family of Robert Eyes who passed away September 16. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m., September 30.

Dear Church Family,

Your church leadership (Marie Crissman, moderator; Gayland Welborn, moderator-elect; and Earl Danieley, acting church administrator) met recently with the chairpersons of each of our **three** search efforts! It was a time of sharing with each other, exchanging information, and coordination of some of our efforts. In essence, it was an opportunity to make sure that we are all "on the same page", and working as efficiently as possible to fill the pastoral positions available in our church. We all came away with a sense of accomplishment, an understanding of each individual committee's challenges and situations, and, as a result, a sense of relief. While much of the work of the three committees may not be visible to the entire congregation, you will be very glad to know that progress is well underway in each of our search processes. This letter is to inform you of the progress we are making in each arena.

First of all, the Board of Deacons is working closely with Beth Kennett to fill the interim position. Chairman Bill Ruth informed us that we have placed ads locally and in nearby by cities, as well. As a result, we have a good pool of candidates from whom to choose. This committee has been made aware that our best potential candidates may very well be interested in part-time work (perhaps Sundays and 2-3 days during the week). We should be hearing from them very soon, and they are meeting on a weekly basis right now.

Our newly-formed committee for the search for a senior pastor has begun its work as well. They are in the process of completing a profile of our church, in order that we can be matched with suitable UCCC candidates for the position. Ray Covington and Laurie Lambert are co-chairing this search process, with Louis Wilkins, Jo Grimley, Jimma Causey, and David Brown serving on the committee.

The search for an associate pastor has been resumed, as well. The council voted to continue this search at our July 8 meeting, after much discussion. Thankfully, George Troxler will continue to serve as chair of this committee and each adult member that served on the committee originally has agreed to continue this task for our church (Marsh McLelland, Gayland Welborn, Sue Shipley, Vivian Bengal, and Mark Danieley). We are finalizing the youth representation as this letter goes to press. Again, much of the groundwork is already accomplished for this committee, as the profile is complete. It is simply a matter of opening ourselves once again for potential candidates.

As you can see, there is much work is progress as far as the search processes are concerned. Equally important, however, is the amount of work in progress by each of you. The everyday duties of keeping our church viable and ministering to our community are being carried on by **each** of us doing our share. I want to personally thank you for continuing your commitment to "Living Christ in Today's World".

Marie Crissman, Moderator

The Service Faire

November 3, 2001
3:30 p.m.

What are you bringing?

(Forms for listing your contribution are in the Church office or call Liz at 449-5322 or Linda at 538-1925)

Please join us for

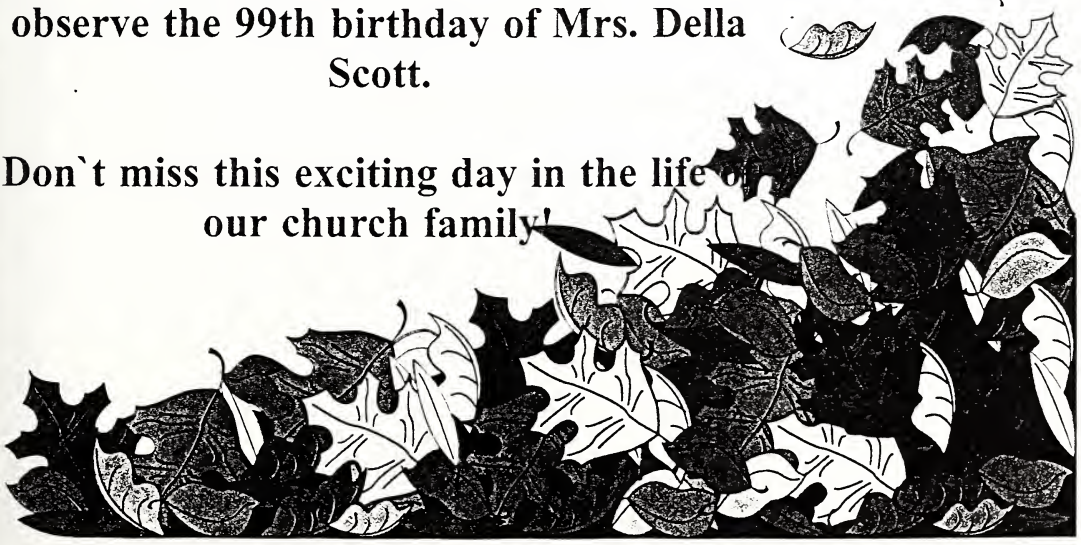
HOMECOMING

Elon Community
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 14, 2001

Our guest speaker for the 11:00 AM worship will be Charles Terrell, former member and son of Mrs. Evelyn Terrell in our church family.

A covered dish luncheon will be held in the Parish House immediately following the worship service at which time we will observe the 99th birthday of Mrs. Della Scott.

Don`t miss this exciting day in the life of our church family!



Board of Missions

11 September 2001

Only four of our members were present: Chairman Louis Wilkins, Secretary Betty Walker, Reporter Marsh McLelland, and Mover and Shaker Katherine Floyd. We behaved about as when all are in attendance, however, as we talked a lot and tried to accomplish at least a few mission objectives.

Secretary Betty Walker, also Keeper of the Pantry, reported the clearing of the pantry shelves by giving our surplus to Allied Churches and Loaves & Fishes to help alleviate the increasing needs of our larger community. The current economic downturn has produced more requests for help. The Board hopes that our Congregation will respond as in the past by bringing all varieties of canned foods and household supplies to restock our Pantry.

As reported earlier, our Church has agreed to participate with 8 other churches in the Burlington area in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house in the Glen Raven Development. A Shopping List was included in last Sunday's bulletin to show the cost of materials needed to construct the $30,000 house. While no one is asked to purchase any of the items listed, contributions toward defraying the cost to our Church for it's participation in sharing the costs of construction materials will be welcome. It is believed that our proportionate share of material costs will be $4000 to $5000. And our Church will also be called upon to furnish carpenters or other construction laborers, without compensation, to put the materials together. Our Chairman Wilkins will supply more information over the next few Sundays. The project is scheduled to commence on Saturday, October 13th, and be completed in four to five weeks.

Our Church is expected to join with others in the Crop Walk on Saturday, October 6th to raise money for worldwide hunger relief. Walkers and sponsors are needed. More information will be made available along with forms to be provided in the narthex. Seventy-five percent of all funds raised will be used by Church World Service to provide food for the hungry. Our members have always responded generously and surely will do so again.

Marsh McLelland
For the Board

Pastor Jeffries thought integrated media added a nice touch to his sermons.

Confirmation

Classes for 2001-2002
Will begin this month!!

Freshmen and Sophomores: *Did you get your packet? Have you responded? We need to know how many to plan on.*

Potential Sponsors: *Has someone contacted you about serving this year?*

First meeting:
October 14 at 12:15 PM in the Parish House
Lunch will be provided.
Bring your initial assignment!

October 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
	1 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**2** 6:30p Stephens Dinner Mtg 7:30p Circle 3	**3** 7:00p h 8:00p A
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25 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**26**	**27**

Is Sunday, October 21!

Please continue in your prayers for children and join us that Sunday for a special worship service starting at 11:00 AM.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

The Elon Community Church, in cooperation with other are U. C. C. churches, is helping to construct a Habitat for Humanity house. Special gifts are needed. Your cash contributions and your assistance in the building will be greatly appreciated. Mark your gift for the "Habitat for Humanity" Project.

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The Playground Committee continues to need additional funds. Approximately $5,000 is still needed. This is a good time for you to make your special contribution marked for the "Playground Fund."

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Another special project which will require considerable funding is the landscaping project. The Board of Trustees will oversee the complete landscaping of the church grounds and funds are needed to undertake this project. Mark your contribution for the "Landscaping Project" and help us with this project.

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Your regular contributions to the budget of the Church are needed during this period while we have no full-time minister. The programs of the Church continue to need your support. Thank you.

Christian Ed Corner

Thank You!

To those of you who have been supporting our Sunday School program with your attendance and prayers!

*If you haven't already, please join us on Sundays at 10:00 AM. There are classes for children and adults!

Coming Soon!

Children's Sabbath - October 21
Advent Event - December 9
Mark your calendars!!

Playground News!

The proceeds from the thrift sale during the Festival of the Oaks will again benefit the playground fund! Have you made your contribution to the fund?? We need to raise more funds before we can get started...

Annual Yard Sale

During

The Festival of the Oaks

October 20th

We need your contributions of "goodies" which you don't need but which others will purchase

What will you donate?

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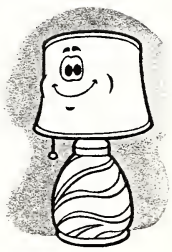
Also, needed: many helpers....
Will you help?



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Call the church office, 584-0391
or Ray Covington - 446-1040

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September 10th, 2001

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Attn: Pastor
Rev Archie B Aitchison
Elon College Community U C C
PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your much-appreciated gift o
$600.00 for our ministries.

I am writing to announce some exciting changes in the l
of Allied Churches. Glenn McNiel has decided to dedica
his life to pastoral ministry in a local church, and th
Board has selected me as the new Executive Director. A
we at Allied Churches begin a process of redirecting ou
mission more toward an outcome-related purpose, I sense
a new excitement on the part of the staff and Board, an
hope that you will feel that same sense of excitement i
the coming months.

On a more immediate note, I want to let you know that t
economic downturn, government program cutbacks, and oth
things that probably come to your mind, all affect the
work we are doing here. How? Some companies haven't be
able to contribute to Allied Churches as much as usual,
maybe not at all this year, and on top of that, we have
more people coming to us because of these same reasons!
I want you to know how important this gift is to our
ministry. Please let others know that you support us a
that these "lean months" of the year are the perfect ti
to support us financially, as well as to pray for our
ministry.

Thank you again for your continuing financial support.
are most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

John Russell
Executive Director

P.S. - (1) Your gift is 100% tax deductible per tax law
and (2) We do not release the names/addresses of
individual donors to other businesses or organizations.

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A United Way
Agency

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of August 31, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues						
INCOME	$20,789.27	$156,979.52	$162,321.76	($5,342.24)	$243,482.50	$139,465.88
RENTAL INCOME	$0.00	$1,611.90	$7,800.08	($6,188.18)	$11,700.00	$7,030.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$461.04	$533.36	($72.32)	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	($50.00)	$75.00	$15.79
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$0.00	$1,488.92	$0.00	$1,488.92	$0.00	$2,047.97
Interest	$8.66	$604.89	$400.00	$204.89	$600.00	$472.41
Misc. Income Accts	$25.00	$595.87	$0.00	$595.87	$0.00	$217.00
Total Revenues	$20,822.93	$161,742.14	$171,105.20	($9,363.06)	$256,657.50	$149,249.05
Expenses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$1,294.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$1,100.00	$5,500.00	$5,691.64	($191.64)	$9,445.00	$1,755.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,125.00	$9,500.00	$9,366.64	$133.36	$14,550.00	$6,764.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$218.06	$2,000.25	$2,050.16	($49.91)	$2,870.00	$1,130.86
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$182.07	$1,602.45	$2,443.28	($840.83)	$3,325.00	$1,522.86
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$897.37	$466.16	$431.21	$700.00	$697.14
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$611.05	$2,651.26	$4,622.52	($1,971.26)	$6,875.00	$2,391.62
SALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,381.97	$18,565.76	$18,501.36	$64.40	$27,752.00	$17,798.17
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$16,132.97	$16,389.36	($256.39)	$24,586.00	$14,422.67
Pastor I Staff	$2,857.24	$42,702.03	$44,309.44	($1,607.41)	$66,639.00	$45,515.74
CE/Program Staff II	$2,379.19	$15,945.35	$14,843.68	$1,101.67	$22,265.50	$11,628.89
Custodial Services I	$297.11	$3,436.62	$4,450.00	($1,013.38)	$6,675.00	$3,678.38
Custodial Services II	$242.21	$2,737.04	$3,617.36	($880.32)	$5,426.00	$2,961.86
Child Care Services	$132.80	$908.85	$811.36	$97.49	$1,217.00	$775.11
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$965.49	$5,582.34	$2,871.28	$2,711.06	$4,307.00	$0.00
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$11,242.82	$106,010.96	$105,793.84	$217.12	$158,867.50	$96,985.82
Facility Operation Exp.	$7,720.50	$41,583.13	$39,362.16	$2,220.97	$59,675.00	$32,660.61
Misc Expense Accts	$210.00	$473.74	$0.00	$473.74	$0.00	$1,128.49
Total Expenses	$23,703.50	$171,513.16	$169,796.40	$1,716.76	$256,307.50	$146,134.40
Net Total:	($2,880.57)	($9,771.02)	$1,308.80	($11,079.82)	$350.00	$3,114.65

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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for October
Oct 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Eric Allshouse
Oct 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill W. Blanchard
Oct 21 - Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Cheek
Oct 28 - Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Fairfield

Ushers for October
Oct 7 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Oct 14 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley, Shirley Beyer
Oct 21 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Oct 28 - Eric Allshouse, Bill [illegible] George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for October
Oct 7 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Oct 14 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn
Oct 21 - Savannah Helvey/Rebecca Perry
Oct 28 - Mollie Lambert/Laura Brown

Greeters for October
Oct 7 - Doris & Biff Brafford
Oct 14 - Shirley & Bill Beyer
Oct 21 - Betty & Bill Blanchard
Oct 28 - Susan & Bill Barbee

Bulletin Board Update for October
DAVE TURNAGE

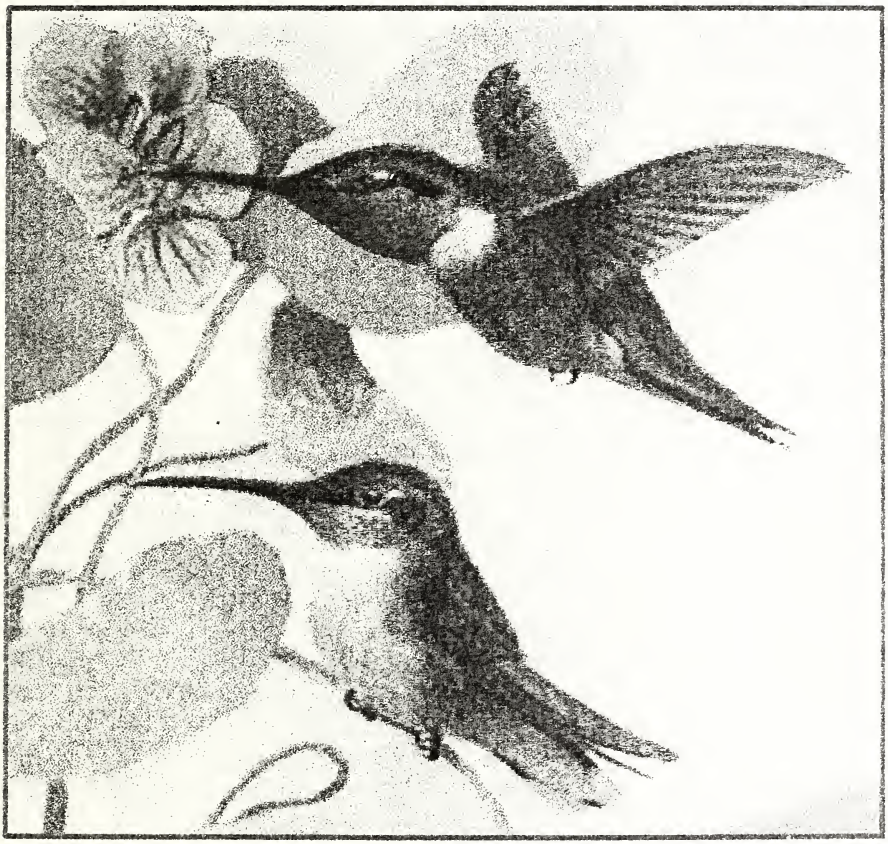
Nursery for October
Oct 7 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Oct 14 - Maxine & Miranda Rich
Oct 21 - Joe & Bekah Davis
Oct 28 - Kathryn Clark/Roxanne Hummel

Liturgists for October
Oct 7 - Barry Raker
Oct 14 - Earl Danieley
Oct 21 - Bekah Davis
Oct 28 - Bill Rippy

Second Hour Child Care for October
Oct 7 - Sue & Laura Brown
Oct 14 - Lynn & Leigh Ann Denny
Oct 21 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver
Oct 28 - Katrina Chappell

Church Attendance for
Aug 26 - 158
Sept 2 - 125
Sept 9 - 151

A New...



Beginning

The Torch
November 2001

Interim Pastor Named

The Church Council, meeting on October 14, voted to call REV. JUDY WESTMAN, as the Interim Pastor of our Church. The Rev. Westman began her service with the congregation on Monday, October 22. The call to Rev. Westman was recommended by the Board of Deacons after several months of study and interviewing candidates.

Rev. Westman graduated at Trenton State College (N.J.) with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education and she received a master's degree in recreation management at the Indiana University. She earned the master of divinity degree at Duke Divinity School in 1997.

Rev. Westman served as the Director of Lay Ministry at Seaside United Methodist Church in Sunset Beach; as Pastor of the Macon Charge of Methodist Churches, and as a resident Chaplain in the Clinical Pastor Education Program at the UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Rev. Westman is making the transition from the United Methodist Church where she holds her ordination to the United Church of Christ. She is a member of the United Church of Christ in Chapel Hill. The Eastern North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ has extended to her the privilege of call.

Rev. Westman was officially introduced to the congregation by Moderator Marie Crissman during the morning service on Sunday, October 28. She has agreed to serve until the end of October 2002 with the provision that either she or the Church can terminate the agreement upon 60 days notice.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us ... into friends and gave us the task of making others God's friends also." (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

Thank all of you for your warm welcome to Elon Community Church. I am excited about our ministry together and look forward to getting to know all of you. "This Is a Day of New Beginnings",(NCH#417) indeed. As we remember the joys and struggles of the past, it is time to move forward in faith. The winds of the Spirit will empower us to carry out Christ's ministry and mission.

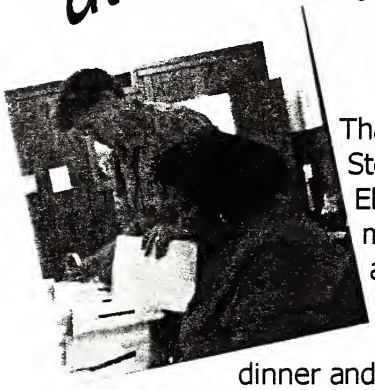
I hope that during our time together we will all journey toward "wholeness, wellness, joy, and peace". As disciples of Jesus Christ, you and I are responsible for living the Good News of the gospel. In order to discern how that is best incorporated into our lives, we are called to continue our faith journeys. I hope you will consider participating in one of the spiritual formation groups or Bible studies that we will be offering so that we may journey together to glorify God in all that we say and do.

Thanks be to God for this opportunity to share in ministry!

Judy Westman

Judy Westman

Stephen Ministry at Elon Community Church

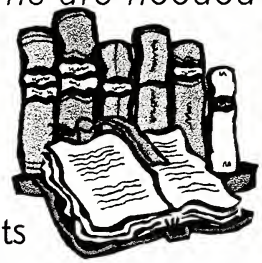


Thanks to the support of the congregation, Stephen Ministry is alive and well here at Elon Community Church. There are a committed group of trained Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders who are hard at work to provide caring support for those who are in need. The group met in October for dinner and to discuss plans for the coming year. If you or someone you know needs someone to walk with them during a difficult time contact Tina Wright at the church office or Beth Schmidt. They will be serving this year as referral coordinators. Remember that confidentiality is extremely important and each Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader has been trained to respect this. Commissioning of Tina Wright, Jimma Causey, and Linda Raker as Stephen Leaders will be done on Stephen Ministry Sunday, October 28, 2001. Your prayers and support are important for this vital ministry to our congregation to continue.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Your help is needed with the preparation of Exam Goodie bags for our college students...

1. The following contributions are needed by November 21.



microwave popcorn
hard candy and gum
tea bags
coffee and chocolate packets
post it notes
stamped postcards
HOMEMADE COOKIES

2. Help is needed to assemble the bags on Sunday, November 25 immediately following church.

3. Help is needed to deliver the bags on Sunday, December 2 starting at 3p.

Name_____

_____I will help assemble Exam bags

_____I will help deliver Exam bags

November 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Youth Cookout DEACON ON CALL SUE SHIPLEY 570-2500	**5** 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**6** 7:30p Circle 3	**7** 7:00p 8:00p
11 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Confirmation 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL ANN ACQUILANO 584-2683 VETERAN'S DAY	**12** VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**13** 7:00p PFLAG	**14** 7:00p 8:00p
18 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth DEACON ON CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	**19**	**20**	**21** 7:00p 8:00p
25 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON ON CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725	**26**	**27**	**28** 7:00p 8:00p

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**2** 7:00p Shelter Meal/Seekers	**3**
8 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**9**	**10**
15 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**16**	**17**
22 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**23** THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**24**
29 7:30a Breakfast Bible	**30**	

Elon Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
15 October 2001

Our meeting was again short of a quorum and no official action was contemplated or attempted. A number of matters were discussed by the four members present and this report is intended to give some information to our Congregation on what we think to be of general interest having some relation to Missions.

Chairman Louis Wilkins reported the Burlington Area churches' project for construction of a Habitat For Humanity house in the Glen Raven area got underway on the second Saturday in October, as planned, with schedules for completion of various stages of construction established and in progress toward full implementation. He said that several of the churches involved in the joint effort expect to build other houses on their own and that as many as nine new homes probably will be constructed in the area.

Our Church participated in the Crop Walk held on the first Saturday in October and the results of that fund raising effort toward reducing world hunger will be reported when all the figures are available.

Potential new members of the Board of Missions for next year were discussed, as requested by the Nominating Committee, and the names of those suggested will be passed on to that Committee by Chairman Wilkins.

Chairman Wilkins inquired of the advisability of sponsoring a seminar on Islamic and Muslim religion and culture in the light of the disastrous attacks by terrorists on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington on September 11th, and those present thought well of the idea. Dr Troxler suggested the possibility of joint sponsorship with Elon University with sessions to be held in our church facilities or on the Elon campus on three weekly one-hour presentations by knowledgable leaders. Chairman Wilkins will inquire of the head of the University's Department of Religious Studies concerning the availability of speakers and Dr Troxler will present the proposal to University officials.

Marsh McLelland

Youth Calendar Sale

Make sure to get your copy of the 2002 God's Creation Calendars!

They are now on sale for $6 each--but there is a limited quantity! Call the church office to reserve a copy, or pick one up after church on Sundays!

Proceeds will benefit the Carolina Cross Connection trip in 2002.

Mark your calendar for our

Advent Event

Sunday, December 9
4:00 PM
In the Parish House

More details about soup supper sign up and activities coming...watch your church bulletins!

Leadership Breakfast
For new church committee members--
December 9, 9:00 AM
We will have a light breakfast and training by outgoing committee members.
Be there to learn about your new position of leadership in the church!

Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of September 30, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues						
INCOME	$18,144.60	$175,124.12	$182,611.98	($7,487.86)	$243,482.50	$158,653.69
RENTAL INCOME	$0.00	$1,611.90	$8,775.09	($7,163.19)	$11,700.00	$7,030.00
OFFICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SALES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$461.04	$600.03	($138.99)	$800.00	$0.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$56.25	($56.25)	$75.00	$15.79
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$127.50	$1,616.42	$0.00	$1,616.42	$0.00	$2,049.97
Interest	$25.47	$630.36	$450.00	$180.36	$600.00	$488.74
Misc. Income Accts	$225.00	$820.87	$0.00	$820.87	$0.00	$217.00
Total Revenues	$18,522.57	$180,264.71	$192,493.35	($12,228.64)	$256,657.50	$168,455.19
Expenses						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	$620.00	$6,120.00	$6,319.97	($199.97)	$9,445.00	$1,855.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,125.00	$10,625.00	$10,524.97	$100.03	$14,550.00	$7,597.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	$700.00	$2,700.25	$2,253.93	$446.32	$2,870.00	$1,130.86
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$0.00	$1,602.45	$2,661.19	($1,058.74)	$3,325.00	$2,131.20
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$897.37	$524.43	$372.94	$700.00	$738.89
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$391.07	$3,042.33	$5,184.71	($2,142.38)	$6,875.00	$2,682.60
SALARY EXPENSES						
Music Staff	$2,311.97	$20,877.73	$20,814.03	$63.70	$27,752.00	$20,022.94
Office Staff	$1,986.81	$18,119.78	$18,438.03	($318.25)	$24,586.00	$16,363.96
Pastor I Staff	$451.65	$43,153.68	$49,848.12	($6,694.44)	$66,639.00	$53,551.91
CE/Program Staff II	$2,446.48	$18,391.83	$16,699.14	$1,692.69	$22,265.50	$11,628.89
Custodial Services I	$713.07	$4,149.69	$5,006.25	($856.56)	$6,675.00	$4,253.88
Custodial Services II	$565.16	$3,302.20	$4,069.53	($767.33)	$5,426.00	$3,430.14
Child Care Services	$132.80	$1,041.65	$912.78	$128.87	$1,217.00	$920.44
All Staff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
Temporary CE Staff	$1,137.06	$6,719.40	$3,230.19	$3,489.21	$4,307.00	$309.50
Total SALARY EXPENSES	$9,745.00	$115,755.96	$119,018.07	($3,262.11)	$158,867.50	$110,686.66
Facility Operation Exp.	$2,788.17	$44,371.30	$45,163.68	($792.38)	$59,675.00	$34,242.52
Misc Expense Accts	$0.00	$473.74	$0.00	$473.74	$0.00	$1,128.49
Total Expenses	$15,369.24	$186,882.40	$191,650.95	($4,768.55)	$256,307.50	$163,291.22
Net Total:	$3,153.33	($6,617.69)	$842.40	($7,460.09)	$350.00	$5,163.97

'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

e Nominating Committee of the church will soon begin its work considering members of the congregation for the different sitions in church leadership and committees. If you would ke to volunteer for a particular committee or job or know meone whom you would like to recommend, please contact one the members of the committee. The pastor is chair of the mmittee. Vivian Bengel, Marie Eyes, Katherine Floyd, Mary th, Carole Troxler and Norma Watson.

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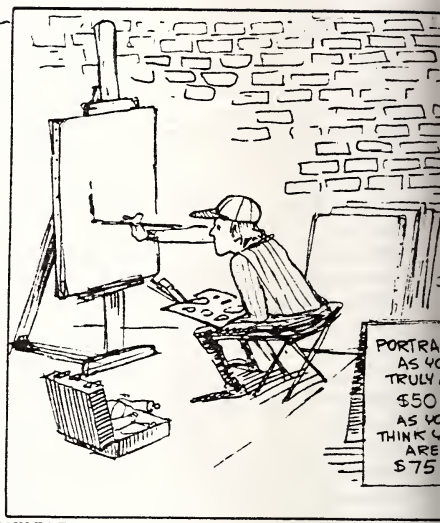
To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for October
Nov 4 - Dr. and Mrs. William D. Rippy
Nov 11 - Judge and Mrs. Marsh McLelland
Nov 18 - Mrs. Elizabeth Parker
Nov 25 - Dr. & Mrs. Eugene B. Grimley

Ushers for November
Nov 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Nov 11 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley, Shirley Beyer
Nov 18 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Nov 25 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for November
Nov 4 - Anna Wilkins/Geoff Bengel
Nov 11 - Michael Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Nov 18 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Nov 25 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn



Greeters for November
Nov 4 - Eric and Melody Allshouse
Nov 11 - Walter and Mary Louise Boyd
Nov 18 - Bill and Cheryl Linde
Nov 25 - Michael and Lorie Goodwin

Bulletin Board Update for November
DAVE TURNAGE

Nursery for November
Nov 4 - Lou Harper/Laurie Lambert
Nov 11 - Ray & Cathy Covington
Nov 18 - Ray & Bernice Harclerode
Nov 25 - Mike & Lorie Goodwin

Second Hour Child Care for November
Nov 4 - Sue Brown/Laura
Nov 11 - Katherine Floyd/Bill Linde
Nov 18 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
Nov 25 - Ann Acquilano/Karen Huffman

Church Attendance for
Sept 23 - 145
Sept 30 - 604
Oct 7 - 153
Oct 14 - 169
Oct 21 - 140
Oct 28 - 147

For unto us a child is born

Celebrating Advent Means Knowing How to Wait

Mary, grasped and seized by the Spirit,
speaks of God's coming into the world,
of the advent of Jesus Christ.
For she knows better than anyone what it means
to wait for Christ.
She waits for him in a way unlike anyone else.
She awaits him as his mother.
She knows about the mystery of his coming,
about the Spirit that is at play here,
about the Almighty who works God's wonders.
She experiences in her own body
that God's ways with humans are wonderful,
that God isn't bound by human standards,
that God doesn't follow the path
that humans lay out for God -
that God's way is beyond all understanding,
beyond all proof,
free, and with a mind of its own.

The Mystery of Holy Night
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Elon Community Church
Christmas Eve Services
December 24, 2001

5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Family Service

11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Communion Service

I pray that every one of us might make time each day to remember that this is Advent, a time of anticipation of the birth of our Savior. May we prepare our hearts and minds for a new birth within us. May we allow ourselves to prepare the nursery within us to receive the Christ Child anew. And may we anticipate with enthusiasm the new path God has for us. Have a blessed Christmas.

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the 2001 Service Faire: The Committee Members, The Volunteers, The Donors, The Patrons and Sponsors, and all those who came out to bid and have a great time.

We raised nearly $8000 to benefit the programs and outreach of Elon Community Church, and that includes a generous scholarship to Ray Turner, our seminarian.

Your support is Truly appreciated!
Linda Vogg & Liz Aitcheson

No Excuse Sunday

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews (chairs) are too hard. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can. Maybe, Maybe Not??? Things that make you go Humm!!

From the Board of Missions

Our Food Pantry often needs detergent and paper goods, as well as food. If too many of any item is received, we give it to the Loaves and Fishes center downtown.

Your family can adopt a need family for Christmas by visiting Christmas Cheer at 331 S. Main Street, Burlington.

You can help the home-bound by providing transportation to doctors, by reading aloud or writing letters. Call Alamance Cares for matching your interest with a specific need.

Learn About Islam

The Board of Missions and the Seeker's Class will jointly sponsor two sessions on the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, each session to be held in the Seekers Classroom at 9:30 a.m. on December 2 and 16. Presenter will be Charles Wilkins recently returned from 16 months in Syria, previously studied approximately three years in Egypt, Jordan and Turkey, and is a doctoral candidate at Harvard University. All are invited to attend.

The

Adult I Sunday School

Will be starting up January 6 with Interim Pastor, Judy Westman as the teacher. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the classroom across from the prayer room!

Additionally, there will be an

Interest Meeting

for the DISCIPLE Bible Study Series on January 6 immediately following the 11:00 service. We will meet for a few minutes to give information and get a count of those who are interested. Meet us at the front of the sanctuary to get some information and let us know you are interested! Thanks!

Dear Patricia Woody and family,

Dear Church Members,

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your decision to honor our daughter, Claire, with the Rob Woody Award. We have been members of this congregation for quite awhile, and we are one of the lucky families who knew Rob Woody personally. What an incredible young man he was! We will never forget his dedication to this church and especially to the church children. We remember taking Claire and Zach to church functions such as Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween and Christmas parties, and Vacation Bible Schools, and Rob was always there to help out. He had a smile and kind word for everyone. As he became a teenager, we were so impressed with the fact that he ushered at least once a month, and that he actually seemed to enjoy it! Forever in our minds, he will personify what it means to be a true Christian. For Claire to receive an award from this church, in his honor, is a recognition of which we are so proud. It is more important to our family than any scholarship, school award, or college entrance that Claire might achieve. For her to be associated with Rob Woody is the highest recognition she will probably ever receive.

Rob's Christian spirit also lives in Claire. She is a dedicated Christian and the driving force of her life is fairness, honesty, and love. She has taught and continues to teach Gayland, Zach, and me so much about what it means to be a good, nonjudgmental person. Thanks to all of you who have supported Claire and made her feel an important part of the church family. At one point, long ago, when the church was in the midst of changing pastors, we mentioned we might look around at other larger churches. Both our children said "No! We feel comfortable at Elon, and the people like us." What a beautiful statement about YOU!

We would like to express a special thank you to Arch for being such a positive influence in Claire's life. To Ed Marsh, who is a truly amazing youth leader, thank you for finding the unique gifts of our children and encouraging them to shine. Claire and Zach love you so deeply and your unconditional acceptance of them gives them strength in this confusing world. You are forever "The Big Kahuna".

So once again, ECCC, we thank you for everything you have done for our family.

Yours in Christ,
The Welborns

Could You Provide Transportation to Sunday Worship?

Several of our members are no longer able to drive and because of this are unable to attend church on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to volunteer to pick up one or two of these members and take them home on Sundays you would provide a valuable service to them.

Members desiring transportation would call the church office by Friday, noon if they need a ride on the coming Sunday. Volunteers would be given a schedule of the Sunday(s) they would be schedul to provide transportation and would call the church office the Friday prior to their scheduled date to find out who they need to provide transportation for.

If you are willing to do this please call the church office and give your name and telephone number. Indicated you are volunteering to provided transportation on Sunday mornings.

Report from the Board of Trustees

A state-of-art sound system was installed in the Sanctuary this summer. The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the persons and families that contributed to the system.

The original sound system in the church was given in memory of Marshall Hook by the Hook family. Harvey and Fran Hook made a substantial contribution that allowed us to proceed with the installation of the new system.

The console that houses the components of the system was given by the family of Wes Alexander in his memory.

Memorial Funds honoring the following persons were designated by family members for use in the purchase of the system.

Minnie Turner Stickles
Nancy Welborn
Howard and Page Edgerton
Myrtle Matlock
Chester and Elna Doris Huey
Earl Parker
Al Carpenter
Thomas Sutton
Jane Miller
C. F. Barber
Dewey Holt
John Barney

We appreciate the support of the congregation for this project.

At the October meeting, the Board voted to proceed with the installation of new playground equipment. The playground will honor the memory of Rob Woody. We also voted to upgrade the furnishings and equipment in the nursery and to install a new Parish House door.

Senior Pastor Search Committee

Thank you to all **103** of you who responded to the one page search committee questionnaire and pastoral characteristic rankings. We were able to complete our chu profile with confidence and insight thanks to your efforts. With overwhelming consiste we the congregation desire a senior pastor who is an effective preacher/speaker and a build the membership of young families. In addition it is important to minister effective people in crisis situations, be compassionate and caring, make pastoral calls, and hel people develop their spiritual life.

Youth Activities for December

- December **2** -Confirmation
  12:15 *Parish House*

- December **2** -Moravian Love Feast
  5:00 *Sanctuary*

- December **9** - Advent Event
  4:00 *Parish House*

- December **16** - Confirmation
  12:15 *Parish House*

- December **16** - The Oaks
  Visitation/Caroling
  3:45 *Parking Lot*

- December **30** - Lock-in
  6:00 *Youth Room*

December 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
2 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Congregational Meeting 12:30p Confirmation/Exam Bag 5:00p Moravian Love Feast 6:00p Youth DEACON: BILL RUTH	**3** 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**4** 10:30a Spiritual Formation 4:30p Circle 3	**5** 7:00p C 8:00p A.
9 8:30a Worship 9a Leadership Breakfast 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 4:00p Family Nite (PH) 6:00p Youth 6:30p Church Nite DEACON: ROBERTA STARR	**10**	**11** 10:30a Spiritual Formation 7:00p PFLAG	**12** 7:00p C 8:00p A.
16 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Confirmation 3:45p Youth Caroling 6:00p Youth DEACON: M. SHOTZBERGER Bekah Vacation 12/16 - 1/1	**17**	**18** 10:30a Spiritual Formation Noon Lunch Bunch (Schmidt)	**19** 7:00p C 8:00p A.
23 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON: NELL SNYDER	**24** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**25** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**26** CH C
30 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:00p YOUTH LOCK-IN DEACON: ANN VICKERS	**31** NEW YEAR'S EVE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		Memb invite Tea, a Decen

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Islam Study Group meets on December 2 and 16 at 9:30a.m.	**1** DEACON'S DECORATE CHURCH
6 7:30a Breakfast Bible 7:00p College Discussion Grp	**7** 7:00p Shelter Meal/Trustees	**8**
13 7:30a Breakfast Bible 7:00p College Discussion Grp	**14**	**15**
20 7:30a Breakfast Bible 7:00p College Discussion Grp	**21** Tina Vacation 12/21 - 1/1	**22**
27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**28** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	**29**

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at the home of Sara Dodson and Melva Foster.

The playground is on its way!

If you haven't turned in your pledge/donation for the playground fund, please do so in the next few weeks. You may turn it in to the office or the offering plate, just please make sure it is clearly marked for the playground fund.

We will need helpers to unload the equipment when it gets here, and workers to finish installation. Please call Bekah Davis in the church office (584-0391) if you think you can help.

DON'T LET YOUR CHILD'S FAITH MELT AWAY.

Sunday School is a special opportunity for children to grow in their relationship to God and other Christians.

EED THE HUNGRY AROUND THE WORLD!

you will tear off all the Christmas stamps, special issue
d commemorative stamps from mail you receive and bring them
the church you really can help feed the hungry at no cost
you. There is a box on the shelf near the church office
ady to receive them and then we will trim them with a slight
rder around and mail them off to be sorted and sold to dealers.
proceeds go to ministries like "Bread for the World",
ifer Project" and Church World Service where they are used
the name of Christ to feed the hungry or help the hungry
d themselves. Approximately $500 per month is now being
sed this way.
o, bring your discarded eye glasses and they will be sent
Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc. for distribution in
rseas health care ministries.
pbell soup labels are still needed by Elon Homes for Children
order to purchase vans.

sion Board - Katherine Floyd

Please come to the ECCUCC

Family Advent Event

Sunday, December 9
4:00 PM

We will be making a Jesse Tree Banner followed by a soup supper. Come to spend time in fellowship with other church members and learn about the meaning behind the Jesse Tree!

Everyone invited!

Please let us know you will be coming by putting this slip in the offering plate or giving it to Bekah Davis. If you can help by bringing some dinner items, please indicate that below as well. See you December 9!

*Name*_____

*Number adults*_____ *Number Children*_____

I/we can bring:

_____*pot of soup* _____*plate of sandwiches*

_____*plate of cookies* _____*Other*_____

eeded: Volunteers to serve on a Worship Committee

The Board of Deacons would like to form a Worship Committee to provide leadership and servic our congregation in maintaining and implementing activities related to our worship experiences. The mmittee will oversee and direct activities such as:

- Changing the Pulpit and Lectern paraments as the seasons of the church year change.
- Checking the candles on the communion table and changing them as needed, and maintaining the Christ Candle during the year.
- Making sure the lighters the acolytes use have wicks in them and are ready for use on Sunday mornings.
- Checking the Registration Pads in the pews to be sure there are sharpened pencils and the registration form pads have sufficient pages.
- When the flowers are left at the church to come on Mondays and break them into smaller vases that can be delivered to sick or shut-in members.
- Assist in planning for appropriate decoration of the sanctuary for various seasons such as:
  - Advent
  - Lent
  - Pentecost
  - Thanksgiving
- Making sure water is placed in the Baptismal Font when there is a baptism scheduled.

Many of these jobs/activities can be done according to the volunteers schedule and would not ecssitate additional responsibilities on Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about the /cship Committee and its function, or are willing to volunteer to serve please provide the following fcmation. You can cut this off and place it in the offering plate on any Sunday morning.

AIE:_____TELEPHONE_____

__ **I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.**

__ **I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE WORHIP COMMITTEE.**

"You are the salt of the earth. . ."
MATTHEW 5:13 (NRSV)

Salt Can Melt Ice... and Make You Thirsty.

MARK BEHLE

Global Ministries missionary Mark Behle teaches math in Alwynskop, Lesotho. He also teaches a course on the Synoptic Gospels, and tells this story growing out of an annual gathering of several hundred primary and high school students for the Scripture Union rally.

Using familiar words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, "You are the salt of the earth," one of the speakers asked about the characteristics of salt. "One of the answers he sought came quickly from a student, 'It makes food taste good!' They had more difficulty coming up with the other desired answer: salt acts as a preservative. Once he had these two answers, he went on to talk about how we as Christians should flavor the world with Christian influence and make our world a better place, and how we should preserve the good things in our world from corruption and evil."

Mark noted that other suggestions from the students were discounted by the speaker as they were not the answers the speaker was seeking. But, he began considering some of the other answers later that day. "One answer no one had thought much of was, 'Salt can melt ice.' There is nothing in my commentaries about that. Yet in thinking about the girl's answer, I began to see something new. I thought of how salt does not melt ice immediately, but gradually and imperceptibly. But, melt that hard ice it does!

"How many hearts in this world have been hardened by hatred, abuse, injustice, etc. Few hearts are changed overnight. Many can be softened through daily doses of salt: love, patience, caring and understanding. As salt can gradually melt the hardest block of ice, we who follow Christ can melt those hardest of hearts we encounter in our daily lives." Another interesting suggestion was "Salt makes you thirsty." "Yes," Mark adds, " if we are to act as salt, we should make people thirsty to know more about Jesus and our faith."

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"I came that they should have life, and have it in all its fullness."
JOHN 10:10

Christians and Human Rights.

BRUCE VAN VOORHIS

A merciless war rages on in the North and the East of Sri Lanka. On both sides of the conflict, it is the sons and daughters of the poor who are its combatants and its victims. The poor in the shantytowns and remote villages are also victims of daily exploitation and harassment. They are crushed by the weight of the ever-soaring cost of living.

In this region of death, more than a million displaced and forgotten people - Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim - live in fear and deprivation. There, in miserable hovels, exposed to the elements, like Mary the mother of Jesus, displaced mothers give birth to their children and wrap them up in rags. Through the conditions into which he was born and by the choice of his parents, the Son of God revealed that he makes a preferential option for the poor. The Holy Night was not a silent night. It thundered a message which the world finds convenient to ignore.

The central symbol of Christianity is the figure of a tortured man. Jesus was arrested on trumped up charges. The high priests had accused him of claiming to be the king of the Jews to the Roman authorities, and that he was plotting a popular insurrection against Roman rule.

Lest the world forget the terrible crime that would be committed against him, Jesus left behind a commemorative rite and urged his disciples to re-celebrate it, saying, "Do this in memory of me." In other words, do not forget the injustice that is about to be perpetrated - remember, make sure such things do not happen again.

The United Nations has declared that torture is a crime against humanity. Beating up a suspect to extract a confession is torture. Christians must be spurred into action against these crimes because the founder of our religion was the victim of a gross violation of human rights.

Christmas has meaning because of Jesus - life, death, and resurrection from the dead. Symbolically, the open grave asserts: You cannot kill the human spirit. You cannot seal the truth in a tomb or nail love to a cross. Truth, justice and love will prevail in the end, and we proclaim this belief by our solidarity with refugees and victims of violence in every land.

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Elon College Community Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
General Fund/1st State
Totals as of October 31, 2001

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
ues						
OME	$17,957.11	$193,081.23	$202,902.20	($9,820.97)	$243,482.50	$177,727.43
TAL INCOME	$1,000.00	$2,611.90	$9,750.10	($7,138.20)	$11,700.00	$9,015.00
ICE INCOME	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
ES TAX REFUND	$0.00	$461.04	$666.70	($205.66)	$800.00	$0.00
TUITION & FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
ERAL REFUNDS	$0.00	$0.00	$62.50	($62.50)	$75.00	$50.13
CIAL OFFERING RECEIPTS	$0.00	$1,616.42	$0.00	$1,616.42	$0.00	$2,604.97
rest	$92.06	$722.42	$500.00	$222.42	$600.00	$507.36
. Income Accts	$0.00	$820.87	$0.00	$820.87	$0.00	$217.00
Revenues	$19,049.17	$199,313.88	$213,881.50	($14,567.62)	$256,657.50	$190,121.89
ses						
CIAL OFF. DISBURSEMENT	$0.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,294.00	$0.00	$1,098.00
AL MISSION OUTREACH	$1,100.00	$7,220.00	$7,428.30	($208.30)	$9,445.00	$2,355.00
ER MISSION OUTREACH	$1,125.00	$11,750.00	$11,683.30	$66.70	$14,550.00	$8,430.00
SHIP EXPENSES	$525.00	$3,225.25	$2,457.70	$767.55	$2,870.00	$1,254.73
IC PROGRAM EXPENSES	$137.99	$1,740.44	$2,879.10	($1,138.66)	$3,325.00	$3,157.26
NGELISM EXPENSES	$0.00	$897.37	$582.70	$314.67	$700.00	$738.89
ISTIAN EDUCATION EXP.	$348.27	$3,390.60	$5,746.90	($2,356.30)	$6,875.00	$3,025.44
ARY EXPENSES						
sic Staff	$2,311.97	$23,189.70	$23,126.70	$63.00	$27,752.00	$22,247.71
ce Staff	$1,986.81	$20,106.59	$20,486.70	($380.11)	$24,586.00	$18,305.25
or I Staff	$1,031.65	$44,185.33	$55,386.80	($11,201.47)	$66,639.00	$58,666.85
Program Staff II	$2,651.55	$21,043.38	$18,554.60	$2,488.78	$22,265.50	$12,110.03
todial Services I	$425.87	$4,575.56	$5,562.50	($986.94)	$6,675.00	$4,290.69
todial Services II	$347.18	$3,649.38	$4,521.70	($872.32)	$5,426.00	$3,851.59
d Care Services	$99.60	$1,141.25	$1,014.20	$127.05	$1,217.00	$1,049.62
taff Development	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$205.00
porary CE Staff	$884.76	$7,604.16	$3,589.10	$4,015.06	$4,307.00	$1,052.29
SALARY EXPENSES	$9,739.39	$125,495.35	$132,242.30	($6,746.95)	$158,867.50	$121,779.03
y Operation Exp.	$4,063.86	$48,435.16	$49,690.20	($1,255.04)	$59,675.00	$37,821.20
Expense Accts	$4.74	$478.48	$0.00	$478.48	$0.00	$1,128.49
Expenses	$17,044.25	$203,926.65	$212,710.50	($8,783.85)	$256,307.50	$180,788.04
Net Total:	$2,004.92	($4,612.77)	$1,171.00	($5,783.77)	$350.00	$9,333.85

Leadership Training Breakfast

For new committee and board members will be held

Sunday, December 9
9:00 AM
Parish House

If you received an invitation letter, please come and meet with outgoing board chairs who can help orient you to your new position!

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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for December

Dec 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Dee Atkinson
Dec 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Conally
Dec 16 - Ms. Laura Chatfield
Dec 23 - Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Brafford
Dec 30 - The Martin Family

The First Sunday of Advent -
Christmas Door Wreaths
Dr. and Mrs. E. Ed Powell

Ushers for December

Dec 2 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Dec 9 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Brent Hensley, Shirley Beyer
Dec 16 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Dec 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Dec 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for December

Dec 2 - Savannah Helvey/Rebecca Perry
Dec 9 - Mollie Lambert/Laura Brown
Dec 16 - Anna Wilkins/Geoff Bengel
Dec 23 - Michael Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Dec 30 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for December

Dec 2 - Ken and Lou Harper
Dec 9 - Gertrude Liscum
Dec 16 - Ralph and Hilda Oxford
Dec 23 - Ray and Bernice Harclerode
Dec 30 - Ray and Cathy Covington

Bulletin Board Update for Dec

Dave Turnage

Upcoming Advent Progra/s

December 2 at 5PM Moravian Love Feast
December 9 at 11AM Service of Nine Lessons nd

The Chancel and Bell Choirs of Elon Commur will present the traditional program of Nine Le or Carols during the 11:00AM. Worship Service n December 9, 2002. The service originated in 8(England and continues to be performed annual at College. While the scripture passages remain e musical selections change from year to year. Eh Chancel Choir and the Bell Choirs will perfon a instruments include harp, cello, oboe, and orga plan to attend this most historical and meanin and invite friends and relatives to attend. The el this service will begin at 10:50AM sharp!

Nursery for December

Dec 2 - Open
Dec 9 - George and Carol Oakley
Dec 16 - Sheree Pedigo/Beth Wilkins
Dec 23 - L. Denny/G. Liscum/E. & M. Allshouse
Dec 30 - Lucy Spivey/Mona Atkinson

Liturgists for December

Dec 3 - Bill Ruth
Dec 9 - Ray Covington
Dec 16 - Ed Marsh
Dec 23 - Earl Danieley
Dec 30 - Roberta Starr

Second Hour Child Care for December

Dec 2 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Dec 9 - Christy and David Ruth
Dec 16 - Laura Chatfield/Sephen Bengel
Dec 23 - M.Crissman/A. Wilkins/L. & B. Wilkins
Dec 30 - Ann Acquilano/Karen Huffman

Church Attendance for

Nov 4 - 151
Nov 11 - 150
Nov 18 - 132
Nov 25 - 121

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